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STUDENT STRIKERS.

CHANGE IN OFFICIAL ATTITUDE?

"OFFENCES EXPIATED."

It is significant that coincident with the moves that are being made in the direction of closer co-operation between Hongkong and Canton certain proposals have been mooted for a modification of the edict barring from admission to Government and Government aided schools students who were absent from study on certain dates.

The period of this suspension, or expulsion as it was then generally regarded, was not mentioned when the attitude of Sir R. E. Stubbs was outlined by the Chairman of the Education board and it is understood that the penalty paid during the period that has elapsed since their having been debarred from entrance has been advanced to the Government as sufficient for the students to have expiated their offence. The end of the school year has been suggested as the date when such stringent measures might no longer apply.

The Government attitude is expected to be announced shortly.

It may be recalled that at the Education meeting at which Sir R. E. Stubbs' attitude was endorsed, nearly all the members who spoke were in accord with that attitude but a few thought it was too severe. Father Valtorta thought that temporary suspension and postponement of examinations would meet the case. Mr. J. M. Alves suggested the formation of a "humiliation" class of strikers in each school would be sufficient punishment and Dr. Wan spoke at length on "the need for taking a more liberal and considerate view."

Dr. Pearce thought that the balance had been struck between justice and generous consideration. Now, if ever, was the time for emphasising the importance of discipline. The matter should be left to the heads of schools. No one else could do anything in the matter.

The Chairman's final remark was that he thought that the matter could be safely left with the headmasters who, he was sure, would be sympathetic in their consideration.

School Fees.

The "China Mail" also understands that the Government has under consideration the proposed raising of fees which was not the outcome of the strike but revision which was considered necessary in any event. Representations have been made that the present is hardly opportune for an extra financial burden to be imposed on parents and it is likely that the Government may postpone or mitigate the increases.

WORLD'S COTTON.

BRITAIN TO SHARE PROSPERITY.

OPTIMISTIC OUTLOOK.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, November 24.

An optimistic view of the future of the cotton industry was taken by Mr. Richard Brooks, in his presidential address at the annual meeting of the Manchester Cotton Association.

The great reason for it existing to-day than for several years, was the bountiful cotton crops of the world, and the world was assured of the most adequate supply.

Britain had 57,000,000 of the world's spindleage of 160,000,000. America's spindleage was 38,000,000 largely engaged in supplying domestic requirements; so it would be strange if we failed to receive our due share of any improvement in world buying.

The organised curtailment of the output had undoubtedly saved the industry from a serious financial crisis. Even now, despite the most optimistic outlook, curtailment was still essential to avert excessive over-production and ruinous prices.

The question of the "futures" market for Manchester was seriously engaging attention.

BOXERS, NOTE!

JIM CARTLIDGE AND HIS CHALLENGE.

"FEATHER" BELT ASPIRANT.

On page nine (the sports section) to-day will be found two statements by local boxers.

Chief Petty Officer "Jim" Cartlidge reiterates his position as regards the challenge sent out broadcast before the first tournament, and adds "I cannot see the point of his (Morris's) challenge on Saturday." Cartlidge's letter is published in full.

"Harry Major, whose boxing has won for him considerable popularity during his stay in the Colony, states that he is prepared to meet—in January next—either Able Seaman Gardner or Drummer Bowles (who were opposed to one another last Saturday) for a belt fight. His letter to the editor has also been printed in full on page 9.

TO-DAY'S CRICKET.

ARMY v. REST OF ARMY.

The Army XI played The Rest (of the Army) in a friendly game of cricket to-day on the ground of the Cricket Club.

The Rest.

Capt. Kent, st. Stripp, b Smith	31
Capt. Armstrong, b Fritz	61
Sgt. Cockell, c Morris, b Gifford	2
Sgt. Walker, c Rough, b Gifford	42
Capt. Alfree, l.b.w., b Gifford	26
Capt. Walker, c Hattersley Smith, b Carpenter	6
Lieut. Chidson, b Gifford	0
S/Cdr. Hoole, b Gifford	0
Pte. Moore, not out	12
Gnr. Clayton, c Edmonds, b Bridgland	0
Q.M.S. Jacob, c Walters, b Bridgland	5
Extras	12
Total	197

Bowling:—Capt. Carpenter 1 for 50; Q.M.S. Fritz, 1 for 41; Lt. Smith, 1 for 29; Sgt. Gifford, 5 for 49; Capt. Bridgland, 2 for 5.

The Army.

At 2.45 The Army were in the strong position of having scored 131 for the loss of two wickets.

THE FACTS O.K.

BUT COLOURING ALL WRONG.

PROF. MCNEILL'S STATEMENT.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, November 24.

Professor J. MacNeill has resigned from the Free State Government.

Later.

Professor MacNeill's resignation was announced in the Dail by President Cosgrave.

Professor MacNeill, referring to the statement issued by the Boundary Commission on the 23rd, said it was calculated to cause grave misconception.

He would not controvert it where it stated bare facts, but he distinctly controverted its colouring.

A message on London, November 22 said Professor John MacNeill's resignation as a member of the Irish Boundary Commission, which the Executive Council has accepted was announced by President Cosgrave, in a speech at Emyvale Monaghan, as being "because he had lost faith in the other members of the Commission." President Cosgrave declared that he likewise had lost faith and was forced to the conclusion that the other members were swayed in the discharge of their judicial duty by threats and political influences brought to bear upon them.

Friday being the day of Queen Alexandra's funeral the Hongkong Government has issued a notification that Friday will be a day of mourning here, all business houses &c. closing.

MUKDEN REVOLT?

DRAMATIC PEKING REPORT.

CHANG TSO-LIN A PRISONER?

(Reuter's Service.)

Peking, Nov. 24.

An unconfirmed report current here this evening states that revolution against Chang Tso-lin has occurred at Mukden and that Chang Tso-lin has been made prisoner.

Gen. Chang Tso-lin.

NASTY FALL.

PORTUGUESE CHILD INJURED.

YESTERDAY'S ACCIDENT.

A three-year old child, daughter of Mr. V. A. Rosario, residing at Kowloon, accidentally fell from the first floor veranda of the house into the street yesterday afternoon.

The girl sustained a fracture of the legs and other injuries to the body. The injuries being found to be serious, the child was removed to the Government Civil Hospital from the Kwong Wah Hospital where she was first taken for treatment immediately after the accident.

"CORPSE FACTORY."

THE STORY CROPS UP AGAIN.

QUESTIONS IN COMMONS.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, November 24.

The German corpse factory cropped up in the House of Commons. Sir L. Worthington Evans replying to Commander Kenworthy's request for information of the source of the rumour and to what extent the War Office accepted it, said the statement first appeared in the "Lokal Anzeiger," Berlin, and in two Belgian newspapers.

Later a German Army Order was captured, appearing to confirm the story.

The War Office saw no reason to disbelieve its truth but did not think that public interest would be served by further questions on the subject.

[A cable message from New York on October 25, said: In connection with the stir arising from the report that General Charteris, Chief of the British Intelligence Staff during the war, told the National Arts Club, at a recent private dinner that the story that the German boiled the bodies of dead soldiers for the purpose of obtaining fat was a deliberate invention, General Charteris told a Reuter representative before he left for England that he had been incorrectly reported. His references to propaganda, which were purely incidental, were made with the express purpose of emphasising the principle followed by the British that propaganda, to be effective, must be based on truth. He added that he only mentioned the case of the "corpse factory" for the purpose of emphasising that the report was not utilised for propaganda when it became known that the soldier diary on which it was based was fictitious.]

PEACE HOPES.

CANTON TO TAKE NEXT STEP.

OUR DELEGATES READY.

The names of the Hongkong delegates to visit Canton in the event of official delegates being appointed in Canton having already been published the next step is to wait for an announcement on the part of the Canton authorities of the names of the delegates appointed to represent the interested parties there.

Until this has been made further particulars of the intended visit are not available.

This morning the Canton delegation returned by the s.s. "Honam."

Among those noticed at the wharf to bid the merchants farewell were the Hon. Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, Mr. G. M. Young and many leading members of the Chinese community.

The returning delegates were given a very expressive send-off.

When the "Fatshan" arrived this afternoon a gentleman who has kept in very close touch with the developments predicted that the terms to be named would be such that a settlement was anticipated in three weeks.

CHANG & FENG.

CHARGE OF UNFRIENDLY ACTION.

AGREEMENT BROKEN?

(Reuter's Service.)

Peking, Nov. 24.

General Chang Tso-lin is accusing General Feng Yu-hsiang of breaking the agreement, following an attack on Mukden troops withdrawing from Paoting-fu, by Honan troops, which nominally support General Feng.

A message from Peking on November 17 stated that representatives of Feng Yu-hsiang and Chang Tso-lin had signed a peace agreement, providing for the withdrawal of the Manchurian troops 30 miles eastward of the Peking-Hankow line and the establishment of a joint office in Peking to discuss the Premiership, the reconstruction of the Cabinet and the election of a President.

MISSING LETTERS.

VIA SIBERIA ROUTE CHARGES.

ALLEGED TAMPERING.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Nov. 24.

Serious allegations were made at a meeting of the Bradford Chamber of Commerce of heavy delay and miscarriage of mails from Britain to the Far East via Siberia.

Delegates asserted that many mails are missing and letters are tampered with apparently when passing through Soviet territory.

The matter was referred to the Postmaster-General.

Railway Deadlock.

Moscow, Nov. 24.

A semi-official message says:—"In view of the refusal of the Chinese Government to sign an agreement regarding the through passenger communication between the Soviet railways and the Soviet and Japanese Chinese railway, the conference concerning the matter has been temporarily suspended on the suggestion of the Soviet delegates. The Russian and Japanese commission on goods traffic will begin work in a few days' time.

Berlin, November 24.—The Richard Kahn Trust, consisting of a score of machine building firms in Berlin and South Germany, has applied for "official supervision" on account of the worsening of the economic situation and the scarcity of credit. Simultaneously the Stinnes Ltd. Motor Car Company have finally announced [illegible]

TRADE LOAN.

DEPOSIT OF SECURITIES IN LONDON.

MERCANTILE BANK'S ACTION.

A further deposit of gilt-edged securities valued at £250,000 is being made with the Crown Agents for the Colonies in London by the Head Office of the Mercantile Bank of India, Ltd., as security for additional note issue by their Hongkong branch. It is proposed to put this money at the disposal of the Government in connection with the trade loan.

CUTTING TREES.

OFFENDERS HEAVILY FINED.

A SHAUKIWAN RAID.

Heavy penalties were imposed by Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning on a number of illicit woodcutters, the defendants being all women of the coolie class.

A large gang were engaged in the wholesale destruction of a plantation at Shaukiwan West yesterday afternoon. Guards from the Forestry Department, assisted by officers from Divisional Inspector Blackman's Station, pounced on the culprits and arrested some, whilst others made their escape. In a subsequent raid on huts in the vicinity, large quantities of freshly cut wood were seized, the total making up a full lorry load.

Five of the defendants were fined $50 each, or in the alternative four weeks' hard labour, whilst others were fined $40 and $20, or imprisonment in default.

BRIAND FAILS.

CRISIS IN FRENCH POLITICS.

SOCIALISTS' DEMANDS.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, November 24.

M. Briand has declined to form a Government.

M. Doumer has been summoned. He has asked for 24 hours to consider the question of the formation of a Cabinet.

It appears the Socialists refused M. Briand's offer of three portfolios and claimed half the seats in the Cabinet.

Later.

M. Briand on leaving the Elysee, told the pressmen he would be delighted to include Ms. Herriot, Painleve, Klotz, Paul Boncour, and even representatives of the centre, in the Ministry, if Republican unity was capable of restoring the country's finances, but he was unable to obtain the support necessary to command a stable majority.

M. Paul Doumer, President of the Senate Finance Committee, is Ex-Governor of Indo-China.

FRANC FALLS.

London, November 24.

The French franc in London fell 126.65.

(Earlier Cables.)

Paris, November 24.

One of M. Briand's main objections to the Premiership is his desire to remain at the Foreign Office to finish the work of the Locarno Conference. The Radicals are agitating for an Herriot Cabinet to include Socialists, but thirty Socialist deputies are opposed to participation in the Government, hence the Left Cartel is threatened with a split. The solution of the crisis is therefore likely to be delayed owing to a difficulty in finding a stable majority whereon either a Cartel Cabinet or a concentration Ministry could be based.—Reuter.

Miss Pik Wen Ha, the Chinese actress who is giving further performances at the Theatre Royal on account of delay in sailing, will present an autographed photograph to every holder of a $3 ticket.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The [illegible] of the dollar [illegible] was 2/4 [illegible]

COMMERCE AND FINANCE.

COTTON.

Manchester Market Report.

October 21.

The price of American cotton has been fairly steady with slight downward tendency, report Messrs. J. F. Hutton & Co., Ltd. There have been reports of killing frosts in some of the growing areas, and predictions of frost for other parts, together with heavy rains in some districts sent prices up, but the improvement was soon lost in later trading. Actual buying at New York and Liverpool has been at about the average. The better grades of cotton are in good demand and consequently becoming scarce and difficult to obtain. It is hoped that the market will maintain the present steady tone until after the next Bureau Report due on Monday, the 26th inst. It is generally supposed that nothing untoward will be sprung upon us, on account of the new method of arriving at the figures published, by so doing this will no doubt be favourable to business. Egypt cotton does not show a healthy side, which is to some extent due to the Banks selling against the speculative section and actual cotton, and this is reflected in spot price and futures. There has been a steady enquiry from India during the past week and some sections of the trade report moderate bookings, particularly dhooties, with the effect that delivery has become rather more distant, although prices are generally maintained. The Continent has been buying somewhat freely. Home trade and the Colonial markets have also done a fair share of business. The situation in China prevents that market from participating to anything like the extent it is possible. Enquiry has been frequent from the Dutch Indies and Straits, with a moderate amount of business ensuing. Yarn prices on the whole do not reflect any special feature, if anything finer counts have done rather better and some spinners are difficult to deal with.

FIRE INSURANCE.

Growing Difficulties of the Business.

Competition for business is carried among fire insurance companies to such a pitch that the agreed rate is utterly disregarded and their position is growing more difficult. Those most affected by the competition are the re-insurance companies. Since the earthquake in 1923 insurance companies have adopted a plan of sharing risks among themselves, leaving those which they do not care to share to companies specialising in re-insurance. The result is that there is small chance for these companies unless they are affiliated with larger establishments doing business with the public, or backed otherwise by strong interests.

Such is the picture drawn by the "Chugai Shogyo," which cites in support of this statement the case of the Yachiyo Marine and Fire Insurance Company. The company has notified its clients that no fresh contracts will be accepted after the end of this year, as it is closing down its Tokyo office. Another case reported is the Nisshin Fire Insurance Company, which closed its business on the 31st ultimo, while the Shinkoku Marine and Fire Insurance Company has informally decided to suspend business. The Yachiyo Company is under the control of Mr. Yoshida Chokei and the Nisshin and Shinkoku are supported by the Kishimoto interest in Osaka, each enjoying confidence as sub-insurers.

The fact that they were obliged to suspend operations eloquently tells to what extent fire insurance business is depressed. It also reflects the fears entertained by insurers of the greater risks they may be called upon to face next year in Tokyo, where the "barrack" buildings put up by earthquake sufferers are to be pulled down with the expiry of the three year term. (This is almost a suggestion that the owners will resort to arson).

The three companies have been able to withdraw from the field with no stain on their names, says the Tokyo paper, because they have the means to do so, but some of those still operating would be glad to follow their example if only their position justified such a bold move. The crisis faced by re-insurers will naturally create a serious situation for other companies in business, since it is to be reasonably expected that they will find few re-insurers who will share with them such risks as they do not care to meet among themselves.

This is appreciated especially by smaller establishments, which see their chance to get over the difficulty in the strict enforcement of a scale for premiums that will reasonably cover their risks. The official scale has been established several times with the consent of all concerned, but it has never been adhered to, the first to deviate from it being among these companies. But now that they feel that they cannot disregard such an agreement without ruining their own business, the arrangement that may be made in the matter will work out, predicts the Tokyo paper, and with that fire insurance business will be placed on a firmer and sounder foundation.

SMALL SAVINGS.

44 Per Cent. Increase Despite Bad Trade.

35½ National Savings Certificates issued this year.

44 per cent. increase in the number issued in the same period last year.

372 millions invested, apart from accrued interest.

These were some of the figures given at the annual conference of the National Savings Committee for Greater London, at its conference at the Connaught Rooms, Kingsway.

Sir Robert Kindersley, President of the National Savings movement, who presided, expressed amazement at the vitality which the organisation continued to show, especially in view of the prevailing depression and unrest.

Lieutenant-Colonel Hone, Commissioner for the Greater London region, said in order to save we must work, and in work we should find our greatest happiness. He thought it was a most fortunate slip on the part of Adam when he took the apple. (Laughter).

Mr. Evan Hughes, Director of Organisation, said that out of 22,000 savings associations 12,000 were connected with schools.

Colonel W. Guinness, M.P., Financial Secretary to the Treasury, said, when one considered the appalling conditions through which the trade of the country had been going it was marvellous that the movement should have been able to increase its results by 44 per cent.

New Investing Class.

In the last 10 years there had been a surprising redistribution of national income. The old investing classes, and especially those with fixed incomes, had had their margin for investing enormously curtailed.

If they were to relieve the economic difficulties of the present day, when more capital was needed, we had got to spread the habit of saving among those who now for the first time found a margin between their wages and the necessities of life.

A HIGH RECORD.

While abstract figures do not in general exercise a great appeal as proving anything much to the ordinary individual, a statement, which necessarily included some figures, such as was recently put out by the National City Bank, must interest the average American. This statement indicated that the manufacturers of the United States are apparently making a new high record in their industrial activities in 1925. The evidence supporting this contention rests upon the increasing demand made by the manufacturers for material drawn from the outside world. Wool, rubber, cotton, silk and the new substitute rayon, hides and skins, furs, vegetable fibres, copper and tin are among the imports which show large advances over those of 1924. The report includes this statement:

"Still another evidence of the growing demand of manufacturers [illegible] fiscal year 1925, $1,430,000,000 against $1,200,000,000 in 1924, and of semi-manufacturers 370,000,000 against $653,000,000 in 1924.

EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, 25th November, 1925.

On London—	
Bank, Wire...	2/4-[illegible]
" On demand ...	2/4 7/16
" 30 days' sight... ...	
" 4 months' sight ...	2/4-[illegible]
Credits, 4 months' sight,	2/5-[illegible]
Documentary, 4 months sight	2/5-[illegible]
On Paris—	
On demand	1490
Credits, 4 months' sight ...	1460
On Berlin—	
On demand	nom.
On New York—	
On demand	57[illegible]
Credits, 60 days' sight ...	57[illegible]
On Bombay—	
Wire	
On demand	155[illegible]
On Calcutta—	
Wire	
On demand	
On Singapore—	
On demand	100[illegible]
On Manila—	
On demand	114
On Shanghai—	
On demand	nom.
30 days' sight (private paper)	
On Yokohama—	
On demand	134[illegible]
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)	6.34
Silver (per oz.)	33[illegible]
Bar Silver in Hongkong	0[illegible] % pm.
Chinese Copper Cash ...	10 % pm.
Chinese Copper Cents ...	6 % pm.
Rate of Native Interest	nom.
Chinese Sub. Coin ...	25 % dis.
Longkong Sub. Coin ...	par.

HONGKONG MARKET PRODUCE.

APPROXIMATE RETAIL PRICES.

Butcher Meat.

			November 18, 1925.	June, 1918.	June, 1914.
			Cts.	Cts.	Cts.
Beef Sirloin	牛尾紀	lb.	32	24	12
" Prime Cut		"	32	23	12
" Corned	咸牛肉	"	32	23	12
" Roast	燒牛肉	"	32	24	22
" Breast	牛腩	"	28	20	18
" Soup	湯肉	"	30	20	18
" Steak	牛肉排	"	32	24	22
" Steak Sirloin	牛柳	"	48	30	35
" Sausages	牛腸	"	40	26	20
Bullock's Brains	牛腦	per set	15	10	12
" Tongue, fresh	牛脷	each	80	50	60
" Tongue, corned	咸牛脷	"	—	60	—
" Head	牛頭	"	$1.50	—	$1.20
" Heart	牛心	lb.	24	13	14
" Hump, Salt	牛肩	"	—	20	18
" Feet	牛脚	each	10	10	12
" Kidneys	牛腰	"	15	10	12
" Tail	牛尾	"	30	20	22
" Liver	牛肝	lb.	24	18	14
" Tripe	牛肚	"	12	6	7
Calves' Head & Feet	牛仔頭脚	set	$1.20	$1.00	$1.00
Mutton Chop	羊排骨	lb.	55	26	—
" Leg	羊脚	"	55	26	—
" Shoulder	羊手	"	53	24	—
" Saddle	羊鞍肉	"	55	—	—
Pig's Chitlings	豬腸	"	40	—	27
" Brains	豬腦	per set	5	—	12
" Feet	豬脚	lb.	22	15	—
" Fry	豬什	"	40	15	18
" Head	豬頭	"	24	20	—
" Heart	豬心	each	14	10	10
" Kidneys	豬腰	"	12	10	8
" Liver	豬肝	lb.	52	30	24
Pork Chop	豬排骨	"	42	25	23
" Leg	豬脚	"	45	—	—
" Loin	豬後腰	"	48	28	27
" Fat or Lard	豬油	"	30	21	—
Sheep's Head & Feet	羊頭脚	per set	85	60	70
" Heart	羊心	each	15	8	7
" Kidneys	羊腰	"	15	12	10
" Liver	羊肝	"	55	26	25
Sucking Pigs, to order	乳豬	"	25	25	22
Suet, Beef	牛油	"	32	20	18
" Mutton	羊油	"	55	26	24
Veal	牛仔肉	"	36	20	19
" Sausages	牛仔腸	"	40	20	20
" " No. 1		"	32	—	—

Fish.

Barbel	鯇魚	lb.	30	19	24
Bream	鯛魚	"	34	20	16
Canton Fresh Water Fish	廣東淡水魚	"	—	18	16
Carp	鯉魚	"	—	16	27
Catfish	鯰魚	"	—	12	9
Codfish	鱈魚	"	—	20	25
Crabs	蟹	"	48	23	26
Cuttle Fish	墨魚	"	28	16	2
Dab		"	30	23	16
Dace	黃尾鰂	"	24	10	9
Dog Fish	鱟肚沙	"	10	10	8
Eels, Conger	海鰻	"	35	16	—
" Fresh Water	淡水鰻	"	—	10	18
" Yellow	黃鰻	"	68	26	30
Frogs	田石鷄	"	65	32	25
Garoupa	白鱠	"	75	40	30
Gudgeon	白鱔	"	24	18	15
Herrings	青魚	"	30	22	18
Halibut	鞋魚	"	23	18	23
Labrus	黃鳥	"	36	22	18
Loach	鯽魚	"	65	22	24
Lobsters	龍蝦	"	55	32	21
Mackerel	鯖魚	"	36	20	26
Monk Fish	花鱲	"	42	32	18
Mullet	烏鯔	"	32	18	2
Oysters	蠔豉	"	30	16	22
Parrot Fish	鸚哥魚	"	24	14	9
Perch	鱸魚	"	30	20	15
Pike	花鯉	"	15	16	9
Plaice	比目魚	"	72	23	14
Pomfret, Black	黑鯧	"	36	25	29
Pomfret, White	白鯧	"	45	36	30
Prawns	蝦	"	30	36	45
Ray	鱆	"	15	10	14
Rock Fish	石斑魚	"	36	14	13
Roach	鯝魚	"	36	22	16
Salmon	鮭魚	"	70	36	30
Shark	鯊魚	"	12	8	10
Skate	魟魚	"	15	10	20
Shrimps	蝦	"	55	36	35
Snapper	鯛魚	"	30	23	30
[illegible]		"	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]		"	—	[illegible]	18
[illegible]		"	[illegible]	10	12

Poultry.

			November 18, 1925.	June, 1918.	June, 1914.
			Cts.	Cts.	Cts.
Chicken	雞	lb.	68	30	31
Capons, Small	線雞	"	60	28	30
Capons, Large	肥線雞	"	62	28	30
Duck	鴨	"	50	22	21
Doves	班鳩	each	26	22	21
Eggs, Hen (cooking)	雞蛋	per oz.	30	18	—
Eggs, Hen (fresh)	新鮮雞蛋	"	40	25	20
Fowls, Canton	本地雞	lb.	—	38	24
Fowls, Hainan	海南雞	"	64	28	—
Geese	鵝	"	38	24	24
Pigeons, Canton	白鴿	each	—	30	—
" Hoihow	海口鴿	"	32	23	—
Turkeys, Cock	火雞公	lb.	65	—	—
Turkeys, Hen	火雞母	"	48	51	45
Snipe	沙鉗	each	—	—	—
Pheasant	山雞	pair	$1.75	—	—
Quail	鶉	"	32	—	2
Partridges	鷓鴣	"	$1.70	—	—

Fruits.

Almonds	杏仁	lb.	55	35	—
Apples (California)	金山蘋果	"	22	24	—
Bananas (bride's)	蕉山香蕉	"	7	4	—
Carambola	楊桃	"	—	12	—
Cocoanuts	椰子	each	14	10	10
Lemons, China	檸檬	lb.	14	7	—
Lemons (America)	金山檸檬	each	8	8	—
Lichees, Dried	荔枝干	"	30	25	30
Oranges (Canton)	新會甜橙	"	—	—	—
Oranges	橙	"	14	—	15
Pears (Canton)	沙梨	"	12	—	—
Peanuts	花生	"	15	10	12
Persimmons, Large	紅柿	"	14	12	—
Plantain	大蕉	"	5	3	4
Pumelo, Siam	暹羅柚	each	17	12	6
Walnuts	合桃	lb.	17	—	15
Grapes	葡萄子	"	25	—	—

Vegetables, &c.

Artichokes	鷄芝竹	each	12	—	8
Beanss, Sprout	芽菜	lb.	5	—	7
" Long	豆角	"	—	8	—
Beet Root	紅蘿	each	3	8	8
Bitter Squash	苦瓜	"	12	—	—
Brinjals, Green	青瓜	"	9	5	9
" Red	紅瓜	"	10	5	8
Cabbage, Chinese	不菜	"	5	5	12
" (Shanghai)	滬菜	"	12	12	—
Cane Shoots, bunch	甘蔗	"	4	—	9
Cauliflower (Large)	大椰菜花	each	40	—	—
" (Medium	中椰菜花	"	30	—	—
" (Small)	細椰菜花	"	25	—	—
Carrots	金針	lb	8	6	6
Celery, Chinese	芹菜	"	14	10	6
Chillies, Dried	辣椒干	"	30	25	5
" Red	紅花椒	"	50	10	16
" Green	青辣椒	"	40	8	12
Curry Stuff, English	咖喱材料	"	10	10	10
Cucumbers	青瓜	each	7	2	—
Garlic	蒜頭	lb.	7	8	—
Ginger, Young	子薑	"	10	7	—
" Old	老薑	"	7	10	—
Horseradish, Shanghai	(滬)	"	35	45	—
Indian Corn	玉米	each	8	8	4
Lettuce	萵生菜	lb.	7	1	—
Water Chestnuts	馬蹄	"	15	6	6
" Mandarin	桂林馬蹄	"	18	—	8
Mushrooms, Fresh	鮮蕈菌	"	—	—	3
Okroes		"	10	1	10
Onions, Bombay	洋葱頭	"	8	8	8
" Green	生葱	"	10	4	6
" Shanghai	上海洋葱	"	6	6	—
Parsley	芹菜	"	25	60	8
Potato, Sweet	番薯	"	6	3	—
" Japanese	日本番薯	"	5	3	—
" American	金山番薯	"	9	8	10
Pumpkin	北瓜	"	4	3	4
Radish	蘿蔔	"	5	—	—
Rhubarb (Fresh	大黃	"	—	—	10
Shallots	子蔥	"	8	8	—
Spinach	菠菜	"	10	4	—
Tomatoes	蕃茄	"	12	7	—
Turnips	蘿蔔	"	[illegible]	[illegible]	—
Yam	山藥	"	[illegible]	4	—
Water Cress	西洋菜	"	—	15	—

MORE MEMOIRS.

THE EX-KAISER AS A BOY.

HOW A QUEEN LEARNT ENGLISH.

Reviewing "A Speaker's Commentaries," by the Right Hon. James William Lowther, Viscount Ullswater, a Home paper says:—Lord Ullswater, well known as Mr. James William Lowther, was not only one of the best Speakers of the House of Commons in modern times—many maintain he was the best Speaker that House had ever known—but he had also a well-deserved reputation for wit and humour and a fine presence. His memoirs, published to-day, will interest a very large circle of readers, and, quite apart from their political importance, which is great, they are packed with good stories. He has known almost everyone prominent in English life for the last generation; he is a member of one of our old families, with a vast network of relationships; and he has also been a constant traveller and has come into touch with personalities abroad.

CHARLES R. CLAY

Charles Clay, twelve, is to get a gold life saving medal. He rescued another scout, when the bigger boy fainted in the water.

As a child in Berlin, where his mother was then living, he was among the playmates of William II.

My recollection of him is that even then he did not readily brook contradiction, was always masterful in our children's games, and always claimed, though he had not always achieved, the victory. He would also insist upon my brother Gerard dipping his finger in the inkpot, so that he, William, should not be the only one to have, as he had, a black nail on his withered hand.

There is a good story of Queen Victoria, whose love for the open air was a sad trial to her suite, when the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh arrived in London:—

It was rather a snowy day, but the Queen was reported to have said on her return to Buckingham Palace: "What a good thing that it was not gold." The Duchess of Edinburgh, who had come from Russia, declared, however, she had never been so cold in her life.

Lord Ullswater knew the last Queen of Naples, sister of the Empress Elizabeth of Austria, a woman of brilliant courage and, as was said, the only woman in the Royal Family of Naples:—

The Queen, who had acquired some knowledge of English from her English groom, used to converse with my mother in that language, but her vocabulary savoured more of the stable than of the Court, and she would frequently use such expressions as, "Where is the King, drat him!" and similar homely phrases.

Another friend of Lord Ullswater in his younger days was "Bobby Spencer," afterwards Lord Spencer, who never forgot that he was "a high-born aristocrat."

A story partly illustrative of this characteristic used to be told of him at Cambridge. On his return from a short Easter vacation, he was asked by his friends where he had spent it. "In Portugal," he said. "In Portugal? What a strange place! Did you know anybody there?" "No," he replied, "only the King."

ELECTIONEERING TRICK.

An admirable plan of winning the support of a constituency was that which, we are told, was practised by a Mr. Wharton. After making a speech or two he was taken ill, and sent for the local solicitor to make his will.

In this document, after expressing great gratitude for the generous reception which had been accorded to him, he bequeathed to the various charities and institutions of the borough large sums of money from his (imaginary) estate. . . . The news of his generosity and intended beneficence rapidly spread, and on the polling day he was duty returned.

An interesting passage deals with Lord Randolph Churchill and his relations with his Prime Minister, Lord Salisbury. The latter,

on being asked whether the loss of Lord Randolph would not be a serious blow to his Government, is said to have replied: "Did you ever know a man who, having got rid of a boil on his neck, wanted another?"

Among the strange stories of the book is that of Mr. Campbell of Dunstaffnage, told by him to Lord Ullswater:—

He said that when he was a young man he went out to Australia. On one occasion, as he was driving a large flock of sheep down from his farm towards the town, an old newspaper which was being blown about by the wind got round his feet. He disengaged himself from the encumbrance and resumed his tramp, but the newspaper again got round his feet. This time he picked it up and read it. In the advertisement columns he found an advertisement inquiring for the whereabouts of one Campbell, presumed to be the heir to the Dunstaffnage estate, and this eventually turned out to be none other than himself.

WOMAN AND MEMORIAL.

A tale in lighter vein is that of the Queen Victoria Memorial. After it was unveiled the police were instructed to give information about the allegorical figures grouped round it, one of which is "Maternity"

the representation of a buxom lady with several children at her knees and feet. An inquirer, on being informed of the meaning of the figure, replied, "Maternity? Then she ought to be ashamed of herself, for she has no wedding ring."

In much the same vein is a remark made by Charles Brookfield to Wyndham, when Wyndham was playing Garrick in "David Garrick":—

Brookfield said to him, "You look more like Garrick every day," and when Wyndham acknowledged the compliment, added, "And less like him every night."

Based on radio information, this is how the "President Harding," fighting its way through the storm to the side of the foundering freighter "Ignazio," poured tons of oil on the troubled waters, shot breeches buoys across the doomed ship and rescued twenty-seven men and the ship's cat just before the craft foundered. Inset shows Capt. Paul C. Greening, hero of the most thrilling rescue of recent years.

CAPTAIN KILLED.

TWO OTHER OFFICERS WOUNDED.

STRUGGLE IN SHIP.

As the result of an extraordinary shooting affray in the Canadian Pacific liner "Melita" (14,000 tons) at Antwerp, the commander of the vessel, Captain A. H. Clews, was killed and two other officers were wounded.

About 2.30 a.m. Chief Officer Thomas Towers, after a night in the town, boarded the vessel.

He then entered the quarters of the commander of the liner, Captain A. H. Clews, and is alleged to have fired. A bullet entered the captain's head through the right eye, and he was killed instantly.

It is said that Towers then attacked Mr. Holiday, the Junior Second Engineer, who received a serious head injury.

A STRUGGLE.

By this time the ship's company had been wakened by the sound of firing, and another officer, Assistant Chief Engineer Gilmour, and a stoker threw themselves upon Towers with the object of disarming him. In the struggle that followed Mr. Gilmour was wounded in the lung.

While the two injured men were being taken to hospital the police arrested Towers.

The "Melita," which can carry 2,000 passengers, is engaged on the service between Antwerp and Canada and calls regularly at Southampton, Cherbourg, and Queenstown.

CHIEF MANY TAIL FEATHERS

Chief Many Tail Feathers, of the Blackfeet, will lead his tribesmen from Glacier National Park to the National Indian Congress, when tribal affairs will be discussed.

"What makes Peck look so worried?"

"He's been contesting his wife's will."

"I didn't know his wife was dead."

"That's just it—she isn't."

HONGKONG TIDE.

The tide-table given below has been compiled at the National Almanac Office in London from the result of the analysis of observations taken by means of an automatic tide-recording machine in the Water Police Basin at Tsim Sha Tsui during the years 1908-9.

The zero of the table corresponds with the zero of the sounding in the Admiralty Chart, which has been found to be 4 feet 3 inches below mean sea-level.

To obtain the depth of water on the tide gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard add 3 feet 4 inches, and on the gauge at Lamont Dock, Aberdeen, add 10 feet 4 inches to the height given in the table.

November 19 to 25, 1925.

			High Water		Low Water	
Day of Week	Day of Month		Standard Time	Height	Hongkong Standard Time	Height
			h m	feet	h m	feet
Thur	19		0 0 a	5.0	m 5 23	1.0
			10 45 a	8.1	4 18 a	3.7
Fri.	20		1 19 a	4.7	m 6 29	1.1
			11 23 a	7.9	5 5 a	4.1
Sat.	21		2 31 a	4.6	m 7 31	1.3
			—	—	5 49 a	4.4
Sun.	22	m	0 11	7.5	m 8 28	1.6
			4 38 a	4.8	6 16 a	4.7
Mon.	23	m	1 18	6.9	m 9 46	1.8
			5 32 a	5.1	6 44 a	4.8
Tues.	24	m	2 a	6.4	m 10 43	2.0
			6 12 a	5.4	10 26 a	4.6
Wed.	25	m	4 49	6.0	m 11 43	2.2
			6 46 a	5.8		

CHEUNG CHAU NOTES

Monday.

The second "Wuchow party" of returning missionaries met with some delay in Canton and had to stay there overnight, but they got through safely.

Another contingent start to-morrow for the West River.

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The service last Sunday was in the hands of Rev. B. Rowland who spoke on "Kingdom Building" a very practical address, special prayer was offered for the Royal family in their bereavement.

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As the leader of the Bible Class is leaving to-morrow there will be no further regular meeting held. Arrangements have been made for the prayer meeting next Wednesday and for the service on the following Sunday. Rev. C. Gaff conducts the former and Rev. D. McRae will be the preacher on Sunday.

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After a long wait it is reported that the necessary repairs to the pier will be commenced. This afternoon the "Kung Yik" did not come to the pier, but anchored some distance out in harbour and the passengers and baggage had to be brought ashore in sampans, 2 cents the trip. It is hoped that this state of affairs will not last for long.

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Sergeant Carpenter is getting acquainted with his new duties here and is making friends among the residents.

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A gentle rain fell on Monday night but we still need good heavy showers to freshen up the gardens.

A Scot applied for a position as patrolman on the London Police force. Here is a question they put to him in Scotland yard, and his answer.

"Suppose, MacFarland, you saw a crowd congested at a certain point on your beat, how would you disperse it quickly, with the least trouble?"

"I would pass round the hat."

THE WATER SUPPLY.

Level and storage of water in Reservoirs on the 1st November 1925:—

CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS LEVEL.

	1925	
Tytam 5ft. 7in. Below overflow	30ft. 10in. Below overflow	
Tytam Byewash 11ft. 8in. Below	28ft. 5in. Below overflow	
Tytam Intermediate 8ft. 5in. Above overflow	1ft. 1in. Above overflow	
Tytam Tuk 1ft. 10in. Below overflow	26ft. 11in. Below overflow	
Wong Nei Chung 5ft. 10in. Below overflow	14ft. 4in. Below overflow	
Pokfulam 6ft. 2in. Below	13ft. 4in. Below overflow	
	1924.	1925.
Tytam	338.50	174.58
Tytam Byewash	8.41	.85
[illegible]	209.91	202.06
[illegible] Tuk	1,375.16	1,351.92
[illegible]	28.11	14.36
[illegible]	65.54	37.32
Total	2,017.73	1,680.59

Consumption of water in the City and Hill Districts in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of October.

	1924.	1925.
Average consumption	387.60	376.30
Estimated population supplied	385,260	395,580
Average consumption per head	24.0	21.0 gallons

Intermittent Supply in all Rider Main Districts West of Eastern Street and Full Supply in all Rider Main Districts East of Eastern Street during October 1925.

Full supply in all Rider Main Districts during October 1924.

	1924.	1925.
Shek Lei Pui	2ft. 4in. Above 5ft. 10in. Below overflow	overflow
	Under construction	3ft. 1in. Below overflow
	1924.	1925.
Shek Lei Pui	377.60	294.49
	Under construction	88.48
		382.96

Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of October.

	1924.	1925.
Average consumption	77.47	74.71
Estimated population supplied	147,220	152,260
Average consumption per head	17.0	15.3

Full Supply in all districts during October 1924 and 1925.

The Government Analyst's recent reports show that the quality of the water is satisfactory.

	1924.	1925.
Total Rainfall to 31st October	37.36 in.	36.27 in.

E. C. CREASY.
Water Authority
Public Works Department.

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS AND PASSENGERS.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES.

TAKAO.
Nov. 26.—O.S.K. Kohso Maru
27.—O.S.K. Ginza Maru
Dec. 2.—O.S.K. Ginza Maru

SWATOW.
Nov. 26.—O.S.K. Amakusa Maru

AMOY.
Nov. 26.—O.S.K. Amakusa Maru
27.—J.C.J.L. Tjiliwong
27.—C. N. Kalgan
27.—C. N. Kiangchow
28.—C. N. Kingyuan
Dec. 1.—I.C.S.N. Kumsang
1.—C. N. Szechuen
1.—D. L. Haiching
17.—J.C.J.L. Tjibodas

FOOCHOW.
Dec. 1.—D. L. Haiching

SHANGHAI.
Nov. 26.—C. N. Suiyang
27.—I.C.S.N. Fausang
27.—C.P.S. Empress of Asia
27.—J.C.J.L. Tjilliwong
28.—C. N. Soochow
28.—P. & O. Kashgar
29.—A.O.L. Pres. Madison
29.—T.K.K. Siberia Maru
30.—N.Y.K. Matsumoto Maru
30.—P. & O. Sondan
30.—B. B. Legazpi
Dec. 1.—N.Y.K. Katori Maru
1.—I.C.S.N. Kumsang
1.—C. N. Szechuen
2.—J.C.J.L. Tjikembang
2.—N.Y.K. Muroran Maru
7.—L. T. Trieste
8.—L. T. Viminale
12.—P. & O. Macedonia
15.—N.Y.K. Atsuta Maru
16.—N.Y.K. Iyo Maru
17.—J.C.J.L. Tjibodas
23.—A.O.L. Pres. McKinley
27.—T.K.K. Taiyo Maru

KEELUNG.
Nov. 26.—O.S.K. Kohso Maru
Dec. 2.—O.S.K. Ginyen Maru

DAIREN.
Nov. 27.—O.S.K. Ginzan Maru

WEIHAIWEI.
Nov. 30.—C. N. Kusichow

CHEFOO.
Nov. 28.—O.S.K. Ginzan Maru
30.—C. N. Kusichow

TSINGTAU.
Nov. 23.—O.S.K. Ginzan Maru
28.—C. N. Soochow

TIENTSIN.
Nov. 28.—O.S.K. Ginzan Maru
30.—C. N. Kusichow

HOIHOW.
Nov. 25.—I.C.S.N. Hopsang
27.—O.S.K. Taikwa Maru
28.—C. N. Kwangtung
Dec. 1.—I.C.S.N. Chaksang
3.—C. N. Taming
11.—O.S.K. Amakusa Maru

HAIPHONG.
Nov. 27.—M. M. Tonkin
27.—O.S.K. Taikwa Maru
Dec. 1.—I.C.S.N. Chaksang
1.—C. N. Kalgan
3.—C. N. Taming
11.—O.S.K. Amakusa Maru

PAKHOI.
Nov. 27.—O.S.K. Taikwa Maru
Dec. 3.—C. N. Taming
11.—O.S.K. Amakusa Maru

BANGKOK.
Nov. 27.—C. N. Kiangyan
Dec. 1.—C. N. Kiangchow
1.—C. N. Kalgan
6.—O.S.K. Kohso Maru

SAIGON.
Nov. 30.—O.S.K. Santos Maru
Dec. 6.—O.S.K. Kohso Maru

SINGAPORE.
Nov. 24.—K. P. M. Van Overstraten
27.—C. N. Kalgan
27.—C. N. Kiangchow
28.—C. N. Kwangtung
Dec. 7.—C. N. Anhui
10.—P. & O. Kashmir
11.—B. I. Tilawa
15.—B. B. Legazpi
25.—B. I. Talma
Jan. 6.—E. & A. Arafura

MANILA.
Nov. 27.—Dollar Line Pres. Pierce
Dec. 2.—E. & A. Tanda
2.—A.O.L. Pres. Jackson
2.—U.S.S.B. West Kader
3.—C.P.S. Empress of Asia
3.—H.A.L. Saarland
4.—B. & S. Changte
8.—Dollar Line Pres. Harrison
14.—U.S.S.B. West Cajoot
15.—A.O.L. Pres. McKinley
15.—B. B. Legazpi
18.—C.P.S. Empress of Canada
27.—A.O.L. Pres. Jefferson
Jan. 1.—C.P.S. Empress of Russia
5.—E. & A. Arafura
10.—N.Y.K. Aki Maru

SANDAKAN.
Dec. 2.—E. & A. Tanda

CEBU & ILOILO.
Dec. 2.—U.S.S.B. West Kader
14.—U.S.S.B. West Cajoot

CALCUTTA VIA SWATOW, PENANG & RANGOON.
Nov. 18.—B. I. Santhia
Dec. 8.—I.C.S.N. Kutsang
8.—B. I. Tilawa
11.—I.C.S.N. Hosang
17.—B. I. Talamba
23.—I.C.S.N. Yuensang
25.—B. I. Talma

BOMBAY AND COLOMBO VIA SWATOW & PENANG.
Nov. 27.—N.Y.K. Wakasa Maru
27.—Dollar Line Pres. Pierce
Dec. 3.—H.A.L. Saarland
5.—O.S.K. Celebes Maru
6.—O.S.K. Andes Maru
8.—Dollar Line Pres. Harrison
10.—P. & O. Kashmir
15.—B. B. Legazpi
26.—P. & O. Kashgar
30.—O.S.K. Santos Maru

SYDNEY & MELBOURNE VIA M'LA & SANDAKAN.
Dec. 2.—E. & A. Tanda
4.—B. & S. Changte
23.—N.Y.K. Tango Maru
Jan. 6.—E. & A. Arafura

JAVA PORTS, ETC.
Nov. 26.—K. P. M. Van Overstraten
29.—Nanyo Y.K. Bandoeng Maru
Dec. 5.—J.C.J.L. Tjisalak
12.—J.C.J.L. Tjikini

JAPAN PORTS.
Nov. 26.—B. B. Legazpi
27.—N.Y.K. Toyooka Maru
27.—C.P.S. Empress of Asia
28.—P. & O. Kashgar
29.—T.K.K. Siberia Maru
29.—A.O.L. Pres. Madison
30.—P. & O. Sonda
30.—N.Y.K. Matsumoto Maru
30.—O.S.K. Borneo Maru
30.—Nanyo Y.K. Macassar Maru
Dec. 1.—N.Y.K. Katori Maru
1.—I.C.S.N. Kumsang
2.—N.Y.K. Muroran Maru
2.—U.S.S.B. West Kader
7.—L. T. Trieste
8.—B. I. Talma
8.—L. T. Viminale
12.—P. & O. Macedonia
14.—O.S.K. Alps Maru
15.—N.Y.K. Atsuta Maru
24.—B. I. Takada
27.—T.K.K. Taiyo Maru
28.—P. & O. Soudan

HONOLULU.
Dec. 27.—T.K.K. Taiyo Maru

PORTLAND.
Dec. 2.—U.S.S.B. West Kader

SAN FRANCISCO.
Nov. 27.—Dollar Line Pres. Pierce
Dec. 8.—Dollar Line Pres. Harrison
27.—T.K.K. Taiyo Maru

SAN FRANCISCO AND LOS ANGELES.
Nov. 29.—T.K.K. Siberia Maru
Dec. 2.—U.S.S.B. West Ivan

VICTORIA, VANCOUVER, AND SEATTLE.
Nov. 27.—C.P.S. Empress of Asia
29.—A.O.L. Pres. Madison
Dec. 11.—A.O.L. Pres. Jackson
14.—B. F. Achilles
16.—N.Y.K. Iyo Maru
23.—A.O.L. Pres. McKinley
Jan. 6.—N.Y.K. Shidzuoka Maru

VALPARAISO.
VIA JAPAN, HONOLULU, SAN FRANCISCO, SAN PEDRO, SANTA CRUZ, BALBOA, CALLAO, ARICA & IQUIQUE.
Jan. 29.—T.K.K. Rakuyo Maru

NEW YORK AND BOSTON (VIA PANAMA)
Dec. 5.—N.Y.K. Rangoon Maru

(VIA SUEZ.)
Nov. 27.—R. F. City of Evansville
Dec. 3.—P. L. Siberian Prince
7.—R. F. Keemun
15.—R. B. Legazpi
19.—R. F. City of Durban
28.—R. F. City of Lincoln
Jan. 1.—D. & Co. Weirbank
7.—R. F. Cyclops

BUENOS AIRES VIA CAPETOWN.
Dec. 30.—O.S.K. Santos Maru

BARCELONA & VALENCIA.
Dec. 16.—B. B. Legazpi

BRINDISI, VENICE & TRIESTE.
Jan. 4.—L. T. Viminale
Feb. 4.—L. T. Esquilino

GENOA.
Nov. 30.—J.C.J.L. Oudekerk
Dec. 1.—B. F. Menelaus
4.—H.A.L. Saarland
12.—N. L. Saarbruecken
20.—B. F. Titan
21.—B. F. Ixion
23.—J.C.J.L. Westerdyk
23.—H.A.L. Vogtland

HAVRE.
Dec. 1.—B. F. Menelaus
14.—E. L. City of Baroda
20.—B. F. Titan
24.—B. F. Ixion

MARSEILLES.
(VIA SINGAPORE)
Nov. 28.—P. & O. Kalyan
30.—J.C.J.L. Oudekerk
Dec. 1.—B. F. Troilus
1.—B. F. Menelaus
1.—E. L. City of Glasgow
4.—H.A.L. Saarland
5.—N.Y.K. Kitano Maru
7.—N.Y.K. Delagoa Maru
8.—M. M. Andre Lebon
12.—P. & O. Morea
16.—B. F. Patroclus
16.—N.Y.K. Hirano Maru
20.—B. F. Titan
2[illegible].—M. M. Paul Lebat
2[illegible].—B. F. Ixion
2[illegible].—P. & O. Kashgar
30.—J.C.J.L. Westerdyk
31.—H.A.L. Vogtland
31.—B. F. Meriones
Jan. 2.—N.Y.K. Kamo Maru
3.—B. F. Antenor

LIVERPOOL AND GLASGOW.
Dec. 1.—B. F. Troilus
1.—B. F. Menelaus
7.—N.Y.K. Delagoa Maru
16.—B. F. Patroclus
20.—B. F. Titan
24.—B. F. Ixion

AMSTERDAM.
Dec. 11.—E. A. Afrika
Jan. 15.—E. A. Malaya

LONDON.
(VIA SINGAPORE)
Nov. 28.—P. & O. Kalyan
Dec. 1.—B. F. Troilus
1.—E. L. City of Glasgow
2.—G. L. Carmarthenshire
5.—N.Y.K. Kitano Maru
6.—O.S.K. Andes Maru
7.—N.Y.K. Tajima Maru
11.—E. A. Afrika
12.—P. & O. Morea
14.—E. L. City of Baroda
15.—B. F. Patroclus
19.—N.Y.K. Hirano Maru
21.—G. L. Glenbeg
22.—P. & O. Kashgar
28.—P. & O. Sondan
29.—B. F. Thoseus
Jan. 2.—N.Y.K. Kamo Maru
3.—B. F. Antenor

HULL.
Nov. 28.—P. & O. Kalyan

ROTTERDAM.
Nov. 30.—J.C.J.L. Oudekerk
Dec. 1.—B. F. Troilus
1.—E. L. City of Glasgow
2.—G. L. Carmarthenshire
4.—H.A.L. Saarland
6.—O.S.K. Andes Maru
8.—N.Y.K. Tajima Maru
10.—H.S.L. Tirpitz
11.—E. A. Afrika
12.—N. L. Saarbruecken
14.—E. L. City of Baroda
21.—G. L. Glenbeg
22.—J.C.J.L. Westerdyk
23.—H.A.L. Vogtland
29.—B. F. Thoseus
Jan. 3.—B. F. Antenor
15.—E. A. Malaya

ANTWERP.
Nov. 28.—P. & O. Kashgar
28.—P. & O. Kalyan
Dec. 5.—N.Y.K. Kitano Maru
6.—O.S.K. Andes Maru
10.—H.S.L. Tirpitz
12.—N. L. Saarbruecken
26.—P. & O. Kashgar
Jan. 2.—N.Y.K. Kamo Maru

BREMEN.
Nov. 30.—J.C.J.L. Oudekerk
Dec. 12.—N. L. Saarbruecken
28.—J.C.J.L. Westerdyk

HAMBURG.
Nov. 30.—J.C.J.L. Oudekerk
Dec. 1.—B. F. Troilus
2.—G. L. Carmarthenshire
1.—E. L. City of Glasgow
4.—H.A.L. Saarland
5.—N.Y.K. Andes Maru
8.—N.Y.K. Tajima Maru
10.—H.S.L. Tirpitz
11.—E. A. Afrika
12.—N. L. Saarbruecken
14.—E. L. City of Baroda
21.—G. L. Glenbeg
22.—J.C.J.L. Westerdyk
23.—H.A.L. Vogtland
29.—B. F. Thoseus
Jan. 15.—E. A. Malaya

COPENHAGEN.
Dec. 11.—E. A. Afrika
Jan. 15.—E. A. Malaya

NAPLES VIA PORTS.
Jan. 5.—H.S.L. Adolf von Baeyr
Feb. 2.—H.S.L. Emil Kirdorf

PROF. LEFROY.

SCIENCE RACE AGAINST DISEASE.

VICTIM OF CANCER.

The death of Professor Maxwell-Lefroy, the entomologist, of the Imperial College of Science and Technology, S. Kensington, who was overcome by an unknown gas of his own invention while working in the laboratory, has aroused widespread regret.

At the college the professor's assistants and students were grief-stricken. "He will always be remembered as a martyr to science," one of them said to a "Daily Mail" reporter.

A friend stated:—

For some months Professor Lefroy had known that he was suffering from cancer which could not be operated on, and this made him all the more keen on getting his work done quickly.

He had an intense conviction of the necessity of a war upon the insect forces menacing human life. I asked him once why he did not use a respirator in his gas experiments.

The reply was characteristic: "I have to find a gas which destroys insects without being injurious to man—in other words, a fool-proof gas. I can't find out its effects if I wear a respirator, so I must take the risk."

One of his ideas was the breeding of parasites, such as ladybirds, to assist in the destruction of pests.

DEATH-WATCH BEETLE.

While some of the professor's latest work and many of his ideas have been lost through his premature death, many of his discoveries will be available to the public.

In July 1924 details of his method of destroying the death-watch beetle and wood-worm appeared in the "Daily Mail." As a result he received dozens of letters from all parts of the country asking for the preparation.

It was therefore commercialised, and the royalties will accrue to Mrs. Lefroy. Early this year 200 gallons of it were used for treating the chapel of Professor Lefroy's old college, King's College, Cambridge.

At a specially summoned meeting of the Council of the College of Pestology, of which Professor Lefroy was a member, a motion of condolence with Mrs. Lefroy was passed.

FLY-KILLER INVENTED.

It was disclosed at a meeting of the Institute of Patentees at Aldwych House Kingsway, W.C., that Prof. Lefroy had, shortly before his death, invented a spray for killing flies.

Prof. A. M. Low described the invention as somewhat in the form of an ordinary bicycle pump and as having no other effects than the killing of flies.

This device would be of tremendous value, and the spray was in a fine form so that it would not make curtains, furniture, or people in the room damp by falling upon them. It would be selling shortly at a cost of a few shillings.

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HONGKONG HOTEL.

November 24.

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MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The B.I. s.s. "Santhia" will leave Amoy for this Port to-day at p.m., and is due here to-morrow at about 5 p.m.

The C.P.S., R.M.S. "Empress of Australia" Capt. A. J. Hailey R.N.R. Commander, will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai (Woosung), Kobe and Yokohama at 6 a.m. on Nov. 27.

The P. & O. s.s. "Kashgar" left Singapore for this port on Nov. 23, at 3.30 p.m. with the outward English Mails, and is due here on Nov., 28 at about 6 a.m.

The P. & O. s.s. "Soudan" left Singapore for this port yesterday at 4 p.m. and is due here, p.m. on Nov. 30.

The C.P.S., R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" arrived at Yokohama on Nov. 20, p.m. left Yokohama on Nov. 21, p.m., and is due at Vancouver on Nov. 30.

The C.P.S., R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" arrived at Yokohama on Nov. 22, left Yokohama on Nov. 23, and is due at Hongkong on Dec. 1.

BOOSTING FAUST.

"FULL HOUSE" AFTER TWO TICKETS.

How public indifference to Gounod's "Faust"—now probably the most popular opera ever given in England—was overcome by the stage manager was revealed in a broadcast talk.

"The work was first heard at Her Majesty's Theatre," said the speaker. "Col. Mapleson, the manager, thought so little of its possibilities that he insisted on a substantial contribution towards the stage expenses. There seemed, to be no public interest in the entertainment.

LT. MARY E. MASON

Lieut. Mary E. Mason has gone to India, where she will devote her life to missionary work for the Salvation Army. Under the Army rules, it will be ten years before she can have a furlough home.

"Mapleson thereupon adopted a novel scheme of advertisement. He arranged that only two stalls should be sold to the public for the first three representations, all the other seats being given to influential but discreet amateurs.

"Advertisements then appeared in newspapers to the effect that 'owing to family mourning' two reserved stalls were for sale. These were sold to the first comers, and, when later inquiries came for the same seats, the reply at the box office was, 'Everything sold, not a seat to be had!'

"Thus the opera began to be talked about. The fourth performance was really sold out."

Mr. Northcott, the lecturer, estimated that about £60,000 has been paid to Gounod and his family by producers of "Faust" all over the world since the first production of the opera in Paris 66 years ago, which mgiht be regarded as quite a satisfactory return for what was hardly three years' labour.

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS AND PASSENGERS.

VESSELS DUE.

FROM AMOY.

Nov. 26.—	B. I.	Santhia
Dec. 10.—	J.C.J.L.	Tjikinii

FROM SHANGHAI.

Nov. 27.—	C. N.	Szechuen
28.—	N.Y.K.	Tottori Maru
30.—	N.Y.K.	Katori Maru
Dec. 1.—	O.P.S.	Empress of Asia
8.—	J.C.J.L.	Tjisalak
10.—	J.C.J.L.	Tjikinii

FROM SINGAPORE.

Nov. 25.—	B. F.	Merlones
28.—	P. & O.	Kashgar
Dec. 7.—	B. F.	Elpenor
8.—	B. F.	Theseus
9.—	B. F.	Antenor
20.—	B. F.	Janus
22.—	B. F.	Vengeance

FROM CALCUTTA.

Dec. 2.—	L.C.S.N.	Kutsang
4.—	B. I.	Talma

FROM JAVA.

Nov. 29.—	J.C.J.L.	Tjikembang
Dec. 15.—	J.C.J.L.	Tjibodas

FROM JAPAN.

Nov. 28.—	N.Y.K.	Tottori Maru
30.—	N.Y.K.	Katori Maru
Dec. 1.—	O.P.S.	Empress of Asia

FROM BOMBAY.

Nov. 27.—	P. & O.	Soudan
Jan. 8.—	P. & O.	Delta.

FROM MANILA.

Nov. 27.—	H. & S.	Changsha
28.—	A.O.L.	Pres. Madison.
Dec. 8.—	O.P.S.	Empress of Asia
23.—	O.P.S.	Empress of Canada
Jan. 6.—	O.P.S.	Empress of Russia

FROM SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

Dec. 11.—	E. & A.	Arafura
22.—	N.Y.K.	Tango Maru
27.—	B. & S.	Changte
Jan. 8.—	E. & A.	St. Albans.
19.—	N.Y.K.	Aki Maru
Feb. 5.—	B. I.	Tanda
Mar. 11.—	E. & A.	Arafura.
Apr. 9.—	E. & A.	St. Albans

FROM SEATTLE & VANCOUVER.

Nov. 30.—	B. F.	Menelaus
Dec. 2.—	B. F.	Achilles
4.—	N.Y.K.	Iyo Maru
19.—	N.Y.K.	Shidzuoka Maru
24.—	B. F.	Proteslaus
Jan. 15.—	N.Y.K.	Yokohama Maru

FROM U.S.A.

Nov. 26.—	S. Line	Pres. Pierce

FROM LONDON.

Nov. 18.—	P. & O.	Kashgar
Dec. 1.—	G. L.	Glentara
11.—	P. & O.	Macedonia
12.—	G. L.	Carnarvonshire
24.—	G. L.	Glenshiel
25.—	P. & O.	Khyber
Jan. 7.—	G. L.	Pembrokeshire
8.—	P. & O.	Malwa
21.—	G. L.	Glenliffer.
Feb. 4.—	G. L.	Glengyle

FROM EUROPEAN PORTS.

Dec. 4.—	N.Y.K.	Kitano Maru
5.—	N. L.	Coblenz
7.—	N.Y.K.	Tajima Maru
15.—	J.C.J.L.	Oldekerk
18.—	N.Y.K.	Haruna Maru
Jan. 12.—	J.C.J.L.	Gemma

FROM MARSEILLES.

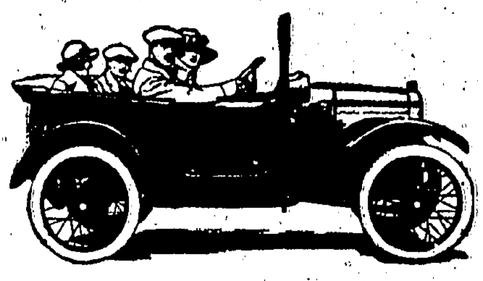
Nov. 24.—	M. M.	Paul Lecat
Dec. 6.—	N.Y.K.	Delagoa Maru
9.—	M. M.	Anboise
15.—	J.C.J.L.	Oldekerk
23.—	M. M.	Amazone
Jan. 6.—	M. M.	Porthos
20.—	M. M.	D'Artagnan

FROM HAMBURG.

Dec. 19.—	N. L.	Coblenz
Jan. 2.—	N. L.	Anhalt
30.—	N. L.	Fulda.
Feb. 27.—	N. L.	Derfflinger

FROM COPENHAGEN.

Dec. 3.—	E. A.	Malaya
Jan. 10.—	E. A.	Kina
22.—	E. A.	Tongking
Feb. 8.—	E. A.	Chile
15.—	E. A.	Denmark
Mar. 5.—	E. A.	Asia
Apr. 10.—	E. A.	Java



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BIRTHS.

ROSS.—At the Peak Hospital on November 25, to Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Ross, a daughter.

TAYLOR.—On November 25, at No. 2, King's Terrace, Kowloon, to Flora, wife of David Taylor, a son.

Hongkong, Wednes., November 25, 1925.

LOCAL CHINESE ART.

The idea of bringing a Chinese artist to the Theatre Royal deserves the strongest commendation. The theatre in China is linked up with the life of the people. They support it and they gain infinite pleasure in that support. If foreigners took the same interest in their own theatre [illegible] dition it is to-day. It would be a good thing if local Chinese amateur or professional dramatic societies seriously considered the question of catering occasionally for the foreign community, and bringing to the notice of foreigners generally the abundant enjoyment and education there is to be gained from an acquaintance with, if not a knowledge of the Chinese theatre. Those associated with the distinguished Chinese lady actor, Miss Pik Wen Ha have realised that if Europeans won't go to a Chinese theatre, the play must be brought to the Europeans. The experiment has justified itself. It has justified itself on commercial grounds and also, in spite of certain limitations on artistic grounds. We believe it has also justified itself on one other ground which, may, or may not, have been in the minds of the promoters of Miss Pik Wen Ha's short season at the Theatre Royal. It has given foreigners an opportunity of realising the distinct artistic strain there is in the great mass of Chinese, and their approval and support of it. Those who enjoy the friendship of what, for a better phrase, we may describe as educated Chinese are struck with the intelligent interest they take in almost all forms of artistic life—whether it be Oriental or Occidental. Literature is discussed in all its most interesting phases. Expression in the written form is not wholly a Western possession, as many of us well know. In the use of the brush and pencil, Chinese are famed. There may not be a Chinese composing Western music, or able to take part in grand opera—[illegible] interesting Western music on Western instruments, China owns not a few whose prowess commands respect. Local teachers of instrumental music speak glowingly of the inherent abilities of some of their Chinese pupils, and many foreigners have had the joy of hearing the classics played with intensity of feeling and a due appreciation of the fine things that the Masters have given to us. Here then is another suggestion to add to the many that have been made to draw Chinese and foreigners closer together. Chinese interested in all forms of artistic life should be assured that they need lack no encouragement and appreciation in what they are doing. They should not be hesitant in letting the local world of Hongkong know what they are doing. There is work to be done by the foreign societies interested in art. Ere this we have suggested a federation of all art bodies, each helping the other. The time has arrived for this suggestion to be driven home and acted on. The time has arrived for a welcome to be extended to Chinese who, in their own way are working in the art field. An appreciation of each other's work, will bring about understanding, leading to a better feeling. The great gain to be had thereby is beyond all understanding. There is work here for someone to do.

THEY SAY THAT—

If I believe that mine is the truth, I cannot tolerate the clandestine murmur, the little ambush, the calumny, the defamation.—Signor Mussolini.

A good garden is a cure for Communism.—Sir Edgar Bonham Carter.

My only regret is that birth control was not introduced before some of the delegates were born.—Mr. Jack Jones, M.P.

With all its shortcomings, the Church of England is a splendid institution, with a glorious history.—Dean Inge.

Christianity does not spoil men for a business career.—Mr. W. J. Ervine.

We shall never have a good society until wealth really expresses service.—Mr. Ramsay MacDonald.

Despotism in any form is abhorrent to the genius of the British race.—Mr. Frank Hodges.

The only sensible people are those women who can be seen with short skirts and just sufficient on their backs to keep them from being arrested.—Dr. C. S. Thomson.

There is not much kinship between the business man and the writer, possibly because the one is articulate and the other inarticulate.—Lady Rhondda.

There are thousands of missing links in the chain of humanity.—Dr. Hrdlica.

The punishment which good men suffer through not taking their share in the government of the City is to live under the government of men worse than themselves.—Mr. Sheriff Agar.

ARMY'S REGRET.

PASSING OF THE QUEEN MOTHER.

In the Command Orders issued yesterday, appeared a Special Order of the Day, by Colonel C. Russell-Brown, D.S.O. (Commanding the Forces in China) reading as follows:—

"The General Officer Commanding the Forces in China announces with deep regret the death of Her late Majesty Alexandra, the Queen Mother.

"In making this announcement the General Officer Commanding knows that he is voicing the sympathy of all ranks now serving in China.

"The deep interest which our beloved Queen Mother always took in the service and the many charitable institutions connected therewith will be sadly missed and gratefully remembered."

London, November 24.—The rubber share market remains the centre of attraction on the Stock Exchange but with conditions in this section are very active. [illegible] one or two places prices have given way slightly, the tone generally remains very firm.—Reuter.

SHREDS AND PATCHES.

November, 1925.

A CALENDAR. 23, Mon., Sam Woods, Labour M.P., died, 1915.
24, Tues., Thomas Henry Buckle born, 1821.
25, Wed., Andrew Carnegie born, 1835.
26, Thurs., Dr. Elsie Inglis died, 1917.
27, Fri., Alexandre Dumas fils died, 1890.
28, Sat., University of London instituted, 1836.
29, Sun., First London School Bd. elected, 1870.

MAN WHO MADE MILLIONS. Andrew Carnegie, a poor boy, went from Dunfermline to America, and started work at a dollar and a half a week. When he retired from the steel company which bore his name he took with him £40,000,000.

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He made much money, but he spent it not on himself. He once said, rather optimistically, that the millionaire of the future would be the trustee of the poor. Carnegie's money, at any rate, went to education, libraries, and so forth.

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Many of those who helped to make Carnegie's money at Pittsburg lived lives that were a disgrace—though there were fortunate ones. Men differ very much about Andrew Carnegie and his money. Some argue nowadays that he would have done better to look more after those who worked for him, even if he had less to distribute to others.

PARADE OF SPINSTERS. On St. Catheine's Day, November 25, all good spinsters who have reached 25 years of age are supposed to go abroad bearing the sign of their estate in a lace bonnet trimmed with yellow ribbons. Nowhere is this feast of unmarried womanhood observed with greater enthusiasm than in the neighbourhood of the great couturiers' salons of the Rue de la Paix, the Faubourg de Saint Honoré, and the Champs Elysées, Paris.

Here and there among the gaily-trimmed bonnets one sees green ribbons streaming, symbols of hope among the yellow, but there is little else to suggest that the ladies concerned do anything but rejoice in their spinsterhood.

As St. Catherine's maids parade the boulevards in the evening, knots of young men encircle the laughing groups and a good deal of rouge and powder is transferred to other faces. Perhaps this explains a very rare phenomenon which is to be witnessed on St. Catherine's Day. There are some thousands of girls in Paris who pretend to be older than they are. St. Catherine's Day is for spinsters over 25, but many celebrants will wear St. Catherine's bonnet under false pretences for some years yet.

COURTING CAPS FOR MAIDENS. French girls who are unwed, but not unwilling to be courted, take advantage of St. Catherine's Day, November 25, to "set their caps"—actually, not metaphorically—at any young man they may fancy. That is to say, they don, for this occasion only, "courting caps" of lace, peculiarly shaped so as to be easily recognisable, while some, to make assurance doubly sure, wear a little bit of green ribbon on their blouses in addition. Any girl so decorated may be approached without offence by any young man whose intentions are honourable, without seeking a formal introduction.

THE PEDESTRIAN. This type of chap is said to be

Dying out.
With this I thoroughly agree;
Whenever I go out I see
A lorry heading straight for me.
One day I shan't come home to tea.
No doubt
I shall be propped against a tree—
Dying out.

EARLIEST SHIPS.

No ship or type of ship was ever invented. Our modern fifty-thousand-ton liner is a direct lineal descendant of the log floating in an ante-diluvian river, to which swam panting primitive man that he might float gleefully to safety from the pursuing beast behind. From time to time in the history of ship-building we find types so grotesque as to appear absolutely new. But they are not new. Close inspection of their essential details reveals the fact that their novelty lies only in modifications that have grown directly from an increase in seafaring knowledge.

The first man that rode astride of a tree-trunk in mid-stream must soon have sensed his ability to steer it by padding with his hands. In shallow water he could drop off and, with feet on bottom, push it. Whence, a brief space later, we find him using a rude paddle from a raft of several logs with a long pole aboard in case of emergency. How exultingly must he have laughed at the astonished chattering monkeys swinging overhead as he glided noiselessly beneath them!

Time passed. Rafts enlarged; grew too large—became unwieldly. Possibly here huge river reptiles made men draw his legs higher aboard. Whence came a decking to protect the whole of him from attack. Moreover, the difficulty of avoiding obstacles such as grounded logs encouraged him to develop a more tractable form of craft. Whence the canoe.

Here the woman may have stepped in. She could sew. She may have suggested the fitting of skins over a frame of withes such as she plaited for baskets with which to gather wild berries while her man was away after meat. Such craft were known as coracles. They are still in use to-day in South Wales and on the Euphrates. Moses as hidden in the bulrushes in a coracle.

Among tribes where speed was necessary to pursue game or one's enemy, the canoe form developed. The Eskimo kayak is a coracle in canoe form. The South-Sea man-of-war is a hollow tree-trunk with out-riggers. Both still survive in their original form. Even inflated skins were used to convey men about. On the Ganges they can be seen to-day. And our own Peary carried them to the pole to ferry his sledging [illegible] over open leads between the [illegible]

The first recorded ship was Noah's ark. From the ark to the Leviathan the evolution of aircraft has been toward perfection in speed and stability. Perfection in grace and beauty, too, have never been far from the thoughts of the marine architect, probably because a floating thing is always graceful; also, ships framed by sea and sky well advertised the taste of their designers.

The chief item of difference in early ships was not their grotesque appearance so much as their size. The ship "Columbus" sailed in was only seventy feet long and twenty broad, or about the size of a Cape Cod fisherman. The comparison can go no further than size, because the fisherman could have sailed circles around the awkward, bluff-bowed little tub the great discoverer ventured in. In early viking ships there was no deck in the modern sense. A rough housing for those who were aboard was fitted as sleeping-quarters. In those days night sailing was unknown. When darkness came on all hands lowered the anchor and slept. Oars were used chiefly as motive power, though a single large square sail was spread when the wind was favourable. Even when large ships began to trade south between the northern countries and the Mediterranean in the fourteenth century, full decking was avoided. Such decking as was used was removable for loading and discharging cargo.

Calking of ships' decks and bottoms in early centuries consisted merely of sea-shells ground to a powder and mixed with water to form a mortar which was inserted between the seams. This was not very satisfactory for any length of time, as it cracked and fell out. Later it became the practice to burn the sea-shell dust and form lime, which was more effective. Wax and pitch finally came into vogue and were used practically up to the present time.

Nearly all woods were tried. Fir was easily worked, but oak lasted longer. Pine was good but not rugged enough. At one time it was considered improper to fell any wood except on the seventeenth day of the moon. Later, when ships were longer and more wood had to be cut, the superstition was adjusted to include days between the fifteenth and twenty-third of the moon. In the autumn the wind had to be from the west to assure good timber from trees [illegible] made of oak, though many other kinds of wood were also used. Fitzhugh Green, in Our Naval Heritage.

PEACE HOPES.

CANTON AND HONGKONG CHAMBERS.

IN FRIENDLY INTERCOURSE.

The Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce yesterday entertained at tiffin the delegation from the Canton Chambers of Commerce who are in Hongkong to act as mediators for the ending of the suspension of economic communication between Canton and Hongkong. A party of over 70 took part in an admirably arranged function in the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel. Those present represented all the leading banking, shipping and mercantile interests in the Colony.

The members of the Delegation from the Canton Chambers of Commerce were:—Messrs. Wu Chung-tong, Lam Lai-sang, Kan Kum-shek, Chan Yuen-fung, Ma Pak-nin, Lau Tung-pin, Sung Chun-tong, Chan Sing-mee, Yuen Kum-sun, Ma Cho-kum, Lai Yee, Tam Tai-shee, Leung Pui-kie, Sung Kwei-chup, S. Job Fong, Chu Chak-sang, Hung Siu-hong, Wong Yuk-sing, Pun Kum-fong and Tse Tsok-kai.

Other Chinese guests present were:—The Hon. Mr. Chow Shou-son, the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall, Messrs. Ma Tsui-chiu (Chairman, Tung Wah Hospital), Li Yau-chuen (Chairman, Chinese Chamber of Commerce), Li Yuk-mui (Chairman, Po Leung Kok), Dr. S. W. Tso, Messrs. Ho Fook, Ho Kom-tong, Wong Kwong-tin, Ho Kwong, and M. K. Lo.

THE HOSTS.

The hosts were:—The Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak (Messrs. Holyoak, Massey & Co., Ltd.), and Chairman of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce (who presided), The Hon. Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., The Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang (Messrs. Gibb, Livingston & Co., Ltd.), The Hon. Mr. H. W. Bird (Messrs. Palmer & Turner), Messrs. A. H. Barlow (Chief Manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation), A. H. Ferguson (Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China), J. B. Ross (Mercantile Bank of India, Ltd.), L. E. Hopkins (P. and O. Banking Corporation), Geo. Hogg (International Banking Corporation), D. G. M. Bernard (Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.), J. Owen Hughes (Harry Wicking & Co.), G. M. Young (Messrs. Butterfield and Swire), Paul Lauder (The Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd.), W. H. Bell (Asiatic Petroleum Co., Ltd.), J. A. Plummer (Messrs. Bradley & Co., Ltd.), T. G. Weall (Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd.), A. S. D. Cousland (Messrs. Alex. Ross & Co.), R. M. Dyer (Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.), D. O. Russell and W. L. Pattenden (W. R. Loxley & Co.), F. A. Perry (The British-American Tobacco Co. (China), Ltd.), W. A. Hannibal (Messrs. W. A. Hannibal & Co.), L. C. F. Bellamy (Hongkong Tramways, Ltd.), F. R. Marsh (Hongkong Electric Co.), A. W. van Andel (Holland-China Trading Co.), J. M. Alves (Messrs. J. M. Alves & Co.), J. M. da Rocha (Messrs. J. M. da Rocha & Co.), R. E. Ost (Messrs. Arnhold & Co., Ltd.), J. Reid, (Taikoo Dockyard and Engineering Co. of Hongkong Ltd.), A. H. Compton (Messrs. David Sassoon & Co., Ltd.), R. G. Shewan (Messrs. Shewan, Tomes & Co.), W. S. Bailey (Messrs. W. S. Bailey & Co.); F. H. Crapnell (The Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd.), Allan Cameron (The Canadian Pacific Railway), J. Arnold (Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co.), A. L. Shields (Messrs. Shewan, Tomes & Co.), G. Miskin (Messrs. Gilman & Co., Ltd.), F. S. Harrison (The South British Insurance Co., Ltd.), G. H. Elliott (The Commercial Union Assurance Co., Ltd.), L. J. Blackburn (Hongkong and China Gas Co.), D. H. Cameron (The Standard Oil Co. of New York), and M. F. Key (Secretary of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce).

A CORDIAL WELCOME.

At the conclusion of an excellent tiffin Mr. Wu Chung-tong, Chairman of the Canton Delegation, proposed the toast of "His Majesty the King."

The Chairman (the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak) responded by proposing "The Chinese Government and the Provincial Government of Kwangtung."

Both toasts were enthusiastically honoured.

The Chairman then said: Gentlemen, on behalf of our General Chamber of Commerce here, represented by the very large number of hosts present, I desire most cordially to welcome you amongst us to-day. There are several firms and Corporations represented at this table who have had over 70 years of continuously happy and beneficial trading associations with our friends in Canton, which have been temporarily interrupted by unfortunate misunderstandings, but which we are all sincerely confident will now speedily be dissolved. (Applause).

It is in the belief that your visit to us—which we hope to reciprocate before many days have passed—will lead to an entire clearing up of the situation and the resumption of our former happy associations, that I ask the Members of our Association to rise and drink to "The health of our guests and the prosperity of the great City from which they come." (Applause).

The toast was drunk with enthusiasm.

Mr. Wu Chung-tong, in reply said: It goes without saying that we highly appreciate the courtesies you have shown us to-day and hope you will give us an opportunity in the near future of reciprocating. I may venture to add that there has never been an occasion heretofore for Hongkong and Canton merchants to meet in this friendly manner. Mr. Fletcher said yesterday that personal talk in this way will serve to brush aside misunderstandings, and in my view such gatherings should take place more frequently in the future. The friendly ties between Chinese and Foreign interests in South China will thus be greatly strengthened and similar misunderstandings will not arise again.

FIGHT A GOOD THING.

I may also quote the Chinese saying, "If we do not fight we shall never get to know one another well." (Laughter). Now we look for a better understanding and we hope you will arrange more meetings of this kind in the days to come. If our Chambers of Commerce can be of use towards that end, please do not hesitate to call upon us: We are always ready to be at your service.

I take this opportunity of expressing our sincere thanks for all the courteous hospitality shown to this Delegation by the Government, the Merchants and the general public of Hongkong during our brief stay in the Colony. I need not say how much this will be appreciated by the public of Canton and I know that your courteous reception has been highly gratifying to the Chinese residents in this Colony.

You all know what our mission is, and we can assure you we will make every effort to bring these unfortunate misunderstandings to a happy conclusion. Gentlemen, I thank you. (Applause).

Mr. Wu Chung-tong then called upon the guests to drink the health of the hosts and soon after this the proceedings terminated.

HONGKONG'S DELEGATES.

At a meeting of the Chinese merchants and the Canton Delegates at the Chinese Merchants' Club yesterday afternoon, the Hon. Mr. Chow Shou-son stated that the Government had appointed himself, together with the Hon. Sir Paul Chater, Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall and Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, as representatives of the Government to confer with the Canton Government. Mr. Chow further stated that the Government had full confidence in the members of the delegation, and had expressed the sincere hope that they would be successful.

The Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall thanked the Canton delegates for having visited Hongkong, and said that their visit had made it possible for the delegation of the Hongkong Government to visit Canton.

It is not yet known when the Government delegation will leave for Canton. A request has been sent to Canton, asking for the names of the Cantonese delegates who will confer with Hongkong's representatives. On receipt of this information a date for the conference in Canton will be announced.

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

Per D L. s.s. "Pres Monroe" on Nov. 23:—Mr R. Boffa, Mr P. Botelor, Lt. John G. Clausing, Mr C. F. Mc Laughlin, Mr L L. Wiprut, Miss V. Barrett, Mr and Mrs F. W. Blanchard, Mrs E. D. Olise, Miss E. M. Dabl Miss C. B. Eaton, Mrs A. H. Foits, Mr A. Gasper, Mr R. E. Gread, Rev. E. N. Harris, Miss H. H. Harris, Mrs D. E. Hartwell, Miss C. E. Hesseltine, Prof. R. W. Marriott, Miss M. D. McClane, Mrs C. B. McLaughlin, Prof. D. M. McLaughlin, Miss M. S. Read, Mrs S. G. Simon, Miss E. Simon, Mrs E. A. Tilden, Mr and Mrs A. Mc M. Welch, Mrs J. L. Harbe on, Mrs N. B. Melville, Miss D. A. Renwick, Dr. and Mrs J. C. Tull, Dr. and Mrs D. E. Yarnell, Dr. P. D. Bhiwandiwalla, Bishop L. S. Cooper, Mr and Mrs Geo. H. Hall, Mrs H. E. Ingles, Mrs H. Miklau, Miss M. Miklau, Mr F. W. Munson, Sra E. H. de Parodi, Sra M. de Parodi, Master F. de Parodi, Mrs M. S. Rogers, Mrs S. Rogers, Mr R. R. Ordetx, Mrs E. E. de Souchet, Mr A. W. Warrington, Mrs A. C. Hustace, Mr and Mrs F. G. May, Mrs M. Trower, Mrs A. C. Edwards, Mrs F. M. Hincamp, Master M. P. Hincamp, Mr F. Powell, Mrs E. de L. Price, Miss H. F. Price, Prof. F. Silvestri, Mr E. W. Castle, Miss E. M. Hewitt, Mr W. A. Hiley, Capt. and Mrs T. S. Kinhan, Miss T. T. Kinghan, Master M. T. T. Kinghan, Miss M. G. Colbert, Mr W. M. Keeslar, Dr. H. R. Martin, Mr A. H. Young, Rev. Dr. and Mrs L. R. Sutlake, Miss M. Piers, Messrs F. E. Uigioli, Ernestro, J. J. Gonzalo, Dr. H. O. de Souza Araujo, Mr H. Ferguson and Mr Max Wardall.

A.D.C.

"A LITTLE BIT OF FLUFF" COMING.

HONGKONG'S OPPORTUNITY.

Though the clouds under which Hongkong has been existing for so long appear to be lifting somewhat, we are still suffering from a severe attack of the blues, materially and mentally.

As a tonic in these days of depression, there is nothing to equal a good unrestrained dose of laughter.

Voltaire, somewhere, says: "Laugh while you can. Everything has its time."

A merciful Providence—cloaking itself in the form of the Hongkong A.D.C.—has ordained the time. Those of us who are wise enough to accept the dispensations to be provided by this much-to-be-blessed providence early next month at the Theatre Royal, will reap the benefit derived from a full measure of laughter.

Anything more calculated to break up the gloom of the most obdurate pessimist than this play the A.D.C. is producing it is hard to imagine. In a couple of hours it takes us out of the world of reality into an atmosphere of unrelieved farce. Those who remember the last performance of the A.D.C. in "French Leave," only need to be told that in "A Little Bit of Fluff" they have even gone one better. To those who did not see "French Leave," the greatest kindness one can do is to counsel them on no account to miss the opportunity of seeing "A Little Bit of Fluff."

The standard set in the late productions of the A.D.C. has been a high one. So high is it that it is to be doubted whether any city of approximately the same size, or with the same resources of foreign population to draw on, could equal the Hongkong standard. It is no disparagement to past producers to say that the present setting of a famous farce bears favourable comparison with anything that has gone before.

Who is responsible for the present performance is like everything else connected with it shrouded behind a veil of anonymity, only to be pierced on the night itself.

FROM R 33.

MID-AIR TRAPEZE THRILL.

BREATHLESS MOMENT.

The experiment of launching an aeroplane in mid-air from the airship R 33 and of attaching the machine to the airship while in flight was carried out with only a slight mishap, above the Pulham airship station, Norfolk.

Weather conditions were perfect when at 8.30 a.m. the airship, with a DH 53 light aeroplane suspended from a trapeze below her keel, left the mooring mast.

Ascending and making a wide turn, R 33 came head to wind for the aerodrome at a height of about 3,800ft. Then she slowed down her engines until she seemed to be almost motionless.

Squadron-Leader R. A. de Haga Haig, chief test pilot of the Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough, descended a short ladder from the airship's keel, entered the cockpit of the aeroplane, and pulled a lever releasing the machine from its attachment.

The craft dived steeply for about 500ft., the air pressure then causing the propeller to revolve and to start the engine.

Squadron-Leader Haig then flew up to R 33 and synchronised his speed to that of the airship—about 40 miles an hour. As he approached the trapeze, which had been lowered farther, he caused the aeroplane to make a quick dart upwards.

PROPELLER BROKEN.

At this moment, however, an eddy of air, caused probably by wind turbulence beneath the airship's hull, appeared to affect the aeroplane. Its propeller fouled one of the wires supporting the trapeze.

The blades of the propeller were broken but Squadron-Leader Haig managed to guide his machine so that the clip mechanism supported from the fuselage above his head engaged the bar of the trapeze.

For a moment or so the aeroplane hung from the trapeze, its weight borne by the airship, and its momentum causing it to swing forward and backward.

Then the pilot released his machine again and planed down, alighting on the aerodrome near the airship's shed.

The airship was moored later.

Cora—Were there any marrying men at the beach where you were?

Dora—Yes, two ministers and a justice of the peace.

THE BEST ACTOR?

MR. C. B. COCHRAN'S MEMORIES.

ACTRESS AFRAID OF FOOTLIGHTS.

Mr. Charles B. Cochran's reminiscences, "Secrets of a Showman" (Heinemann, 25s.), will put a cat among the theatrical pigeons.

Writing about the production of "The Better 'Ole," at the New Oxford, Mr. Cochran says:—

I set about engaging Mr. Arthur Bourchier at a salary of £100 a week. When I engaged Mr. Bourchier it was understood that he was not to be bothered about the production of the play. Nevertheless, he stipulated that the following note should appear in the programme: "Mr. Cochran wishes to acknowledge his indebtedness to Mr. Bourchier for producing the play on his behalf."

Of Mr. Seymour Hicks, Mr. Cochran says:—

I made up my mind many years ago that he is about the best actor on the British stage. Moreover, there is not much he doesn't know about the theatre. I think sometimes he doesn't know it, but he oozes grease paint from every pore.

Seymour cannot help acting; he is always acting. Life to him is a comedy. Probably his versatility accounts for his not being a West End actor-manager. He is never content unless he is writing a play and a book, and producing a musical comedy or two at the same time.

COSTLY MR. NELSON KEYS.

Mr. Cochran did not find Mr. Nelson Keys "an inventive comedian." "I do not recall one idea introduced by Keys himself into 'London, Paris, and New York'" (one of Mr. Cochran's revues which ran at the London Pavilion), he writes. And he found him "too expensive."

When he began to discuss a new engagement, I said, "Bunch, you're too expensive; you cost too much to dress. I have had Delysia here, and it's part of her job to display clothes. I thought she was expensive to dress, but you cost twice as much."

"What do you mean?" he asked.

"Well," I answered, "do you know what you have cost me in clothes and accessories during the run of 'London, Paris, and New York'? No less than £709 3s. 2d."

"Well," he said, "you don't expect me to go on the stage looking like a tramp, do you? I must have the best."

Mr. Cochran gave Billie Carlton, that poor girl who died so tragically, her first chance on the stage.

She was the victim of circumstances which she was not strong enough to control. Her childhood had given her a positive fear of alcohol, and she was, all the time I knew her, a strict teetotaller; although her nervous temperament, always craving for excitement, must have desired stimulant of some kind.

Billie Carlton never had a chance against heredity. That is the explanation of her downfall. She tried her hardest to resist temptation, but there were horrible people who would not leave her alone.

When Mr. Cochran first heard Alice Delysia sing some old French ballads, he said to her, "Why don't you go on the stage?" The late Harry Fragson, who was present, retorted, "She would drive everybody out of the theatre."

FOOTLIGHTS NIGHTMARE.

Miss Nellie Taylor, a few years ago one of the most promising of young actresses in musical pieces, but now never seen on the stage, "got haunted by a fear of facing the footlights."

This talented and beautiful young girl had the ball at her feet. She was a legitimate successor to Lily Elsie. Facing the footlights had been a nightmare to her. Her obsession was that she would forget her lines. It was necessary for her to work for a living, and she begged me to let her appear in the chorus; but I told her that not by such means would she regain confidence.

£10,000 SWINDLE.

MAN AND WOMAN DISAPPEAR.

SILVER FOX STORY.

Paris, Tuesday.

The police of Paris, London, and other European cities are looking for an ingenious company promoter, who is alleged to have swindled gullible subscribers of more than £10,000 in less than a month in connection with a scheme for breeding silver foxes in Europe for the sake of their valuable furs.

For some time leading Parisians and others considered as likely to subscribe have been receiving circulars promising fortunes to the lucky people who quickly became co-partners in several pairs of silver foxes which the promoter was importing.

Two companies were formed, with offices in the fashionable Champs Elysées quarter of Paris and enthusiastic prospectuses were sent to the fortune-hunters who applied for information.

The prospectus said:—

Everyone dreams of making a fortune, but the opportunities get less and less. There are, however, some lucky persons, such as the first subscribers (not to be confused with buyers of shares on the Stock Exchange) of gold mines, oil companies, and rubber plantations, who have seen their capital increase a hundredfold in a few months. This is just now the case with silver foxes.

MAKING MILLIONAIRES.

In Canada there are men who a few years ago could hardly get a month's credit at the grocer's, and who are now worth £200,000. Office clerks who worked 60 hours a week for £2 have made £8,000 in four years. A company formed chiefly of working women pays a dividend of 180 per cent. A penniless Canadian borrowed the necessary money to purchase a couple of foxes, and he is now a millionaire.

Funds flowed into the offices of the company, but the police were not impressed by the silver fox farm scheme, and inquiries were made. They have culminated in the arrest of the so-called representative of the "American banks" interested in the affair and the interrogation of a former chauffeur who posed as technical adviser to the company.

The principal and his woman friend, a pretty blonde of 21, who skilfully filled the rôle of publicity director, have disappeared taking with them, it is alleged, all the company's funds.

MOVEMENT OF STEAMER.

The P. & O. s.s. "Kalyan" left Shanghai for this port yesterday at 7 p.m. and is due here on Nov. 27 at 6 a.m.

Inquiring Friend—Why must a judge look so impassive?

His Honour—If you show any signs of interest in a lawyer's argument he'll never stop.

HONGKONG ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.

ANNUAL BALL

OWING to the death of Her Majesty Queen Alexandra the Stewards of the St. Andrew's Ball have decided to postpone the above.

The postponed dates of the Ball and Reel practice will be announced later.

A. RITCHIE,
Honorary Secretary.

Hongkong, 23rd Nov., 1925.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The 13th Heavy Battery, R.A., depart with the 1st Loyal Regiment to-day on the "Derbyshire" and are due to arrive at Bombay for disembarkation about December 10.

With two Magistrates sitting together at the Kowloon Court yesterday, a Chinese boatman was sentenced to two years' hard labour on a charge of unlawful possession of a revolver.

Dog kennels are to be provided by New York restaurants for the convenience of their patrons who wish to dine in town with their pets, it was decided by the Society of Restaurateurs.

Last week's health return contained only two cases of infectious disease, one each of scarlet fever and enteric fever—both Chinese, reported from Victoria registration district. There was a clean bill of health for Monday.

Owing to the congested state of Kuala Kubu town, the police have found it necessary to enforce the speed limit of 10 miles per hour within town limits. A conspicuous notice to that effect has been posted at each end of the town.

At the Theatre Royal last night Miss Pik Wen-ha gave another very clever performance of Eastern acting to a large and very appreciative audience, which enjoyed the performances immensely and enthusiastically applauded Miss Pik for the versatility of her acting. The Chinese music provided by the orchestra was also well received.

A grand Kermesse to take place next Saturday and Sunday at the Gardens of St. Francisco, Macao, has been organised and many young ladies have consented to assist the Committee in its efforts to raise funds, for the many destitute Chinese. A Charity football match between the Club de Recreio and a team representing Macao will take place on Sunday next.

What is believed to be the first really genuine pair of Oxford trousers to visit this part of China has appeared on the streets of Shanghai.

Final examinations have been eliminated in the Philippine public schools by order of Dr. Luther B. Bewley, director of education. No monthly or quarterly examinations will hereafter be given. Instead the "final ratings of each pupil, secondary or elementary, will be the average of the various periodical class standings," according to the order issued. Short written quizzes in no case to occupy more than one recitation period, are to be given at least twice a month from the fourth grade upward, without previous notice to the class. "It is believed that this elimination of final examinations will add several weeks to the teaching year and will result in more effective instruction."

Says the "London Daily Chronicle":—

Although prospects are none too bright at home for the young solicitor who has only his qualifications and unschooled optimism to support him, there is an increasing demand overseas, particularly in Singapore and Hongkong, for capable men under 30 who are willing to work hard. So I was told recently by a man who knows. The newly-fledged solicitor who looks for a job at home can get one at £250 or £300 a year, if he is lucky. But promotion is slow and uncertain, whereas in the Far Eastern Dependencies, including India, a commencing salary of £700 or £750, rising to £850 on a three years' contract, with the certainty of a partnership after a few years' successful vindication, is quite in the ordinary way of things. Despite the recent turmoil, it is, perhaps, in Shanghai that the prospects are most attractive. For business there is steadily developing, and as a social centre it is far more attractive than Hongkong or the Straits.

Young "Miss 1925" is a sentimental miss and eager to delve into a love story. Book sellers say a novel with plenty of passion and a few sentimental moonlight scenes is sure of a big sale among the girls of to-day. The modern miss also likes happy endings to her stories. Heads of English libraries tell the same tale as the book sellers. The strong, silent man who proves his love by beating his sweetheart is as popular as ever. Most of the serious reading of to-day is done by men, librarians say.

A bishop's widow in America is advocating blouses of silk, dimity, or voile for men in hot weather. To the blouses the trousers are buttoned "little boy fashion." The "Selma Times Journal" also urges men to get out the shears and join the advocates of the "tailless shirt movement," while a farmer in Salt Spray Island, Canada, urges the adoption of silk trousers and a blue silk open shirt for dancing men. Women are less troubled with catarrh and live longer than men, it is said, because they wear fewer clothes, and so let more ultra-violet rays, reach the body, and are "braced up" by the cold air.

A British construction firm applying the principles of Mass production to home building has succeeded during the last few weeks in turning out a complete house every 30 minutes during the working day. The houses are roomy, workman's homes, built almost entirely of concrete. They sell for approximately $4,500 each. The firm is under contract to build 1,500 houses in Leicester, 1,000 in Sheffield, 1,000 in Birmingham, 780 in Bradford and a scattering of approximately 100 houses each in a number of smaller towns. Ninety-five per cent. of the labour is unskilled and non-union. All forms, moulds, doors, frames, windows, and woodwork are standardised, and once the workman have caught the swing of handling the construction the new buildings go up at an almost incredible speed.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

M. Clemenceau, the ex-Premier of France, is said to have almost completed his study of the Greek orator, Demosthenes.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Britton of St. Stephen's College arrive in the Colony to-morrow by the "City of Cairo." They are accompanied by their two daughters.

Mrs. Horder, who has been visiting Hongkong after an absence of 19 years, has left for Pakhoi. The mission work at Pakhoi was commenced by the late Dr. Horder.

It is announced in Straits papers that Mr. G. A. Harriman, formerly of Hongkong, has established himself in Singapore as a stock, share and general broker under the firm name and style of Harriman and Company.

Mr. H. J. Turner, B.Sc., has resigned his head-mastership of the Tientsin Grammar School, as at the end of the current term. He has done excellent service, and the school has flourished under his regime, says the "N. C. Daily Mail." Mr. Alec Hay, B.A., has been appointed to be Acting Head Master, on Mr. Turner's retirement, pending further decision by the Council.

Titled typists have appeared in the ranks of London's business affairs and, reports say they have made good in every respect. The latest to take up a commercial career is Lady Constance Howard, sister of Lord Carlisle, who recently entered the service of a well-known firm as stenographer and secretary to the manager. Lady Constance says she likes her work immensely.

Sunday last was for many in Macao a great day. At all hours of the day the Municipal Chambers were thronged by electors each eager to cast his vote for his favoured candidate. With only two candidates for the position of Deputy for Macao a choice was perhaps an easy matter, and by five in the afternoon the balloting was all over, and Mr. Manuel Ferreira da Rocha declared victor with 280 votes, his opponent, Dr. Santos Monteiro, securing 122 votes. Supporters of Mr. Rocha carried their demonstration of satisfaction far into the night, fireworks were greatly in demand and thus ended another eventful election.

Vice-Admiral John Luce, who commanded the cruiser "Glasgow" at Coronel and at the sinking of the "Dresden" at Juan Fernandez, has retired on promotion.

Mr. B. Bull, formerly one of the chief engineers of the Singapore Municipality, is at Home for good, and is residing at Allen House, Kensington, W.8.

Mr. Kent W. Clark, manager of the Oriental Hotel, accompanied by his wife and children, have returned to Kobe after a six months trip to America and Europe. While in Europe Mr. Clark made a motor trip of several thousand miles including a visit to the British Isles.

Mr. Aldous Huxley, in a book of essays says:—

"For tourists are, in the main, a very gloomy-looking tribe. I have seen much much brighter faces at a funeral than in the Piazza of St. Mark's. Only when they can band together and pretend, for a brief, precarious hour, that they are at home, do the majority of tourists look really happy. One wonders why they come abroad."

Publication of the "Life of W. T. Stead" reminds a correspondent of "The Daily Chronicle" of a story of his death which has not before been published. It was due to an accident that he was on the ill-fated "Titanic." After he had booked his passage on a North German-Lloyd vessel a friend in the service of that line suggested that he would have a more interesting time aboard the new White Star boat, which was carrying many well-known people on her first trip. So Stead's booking was transferred, and he went to his death.

An unfortunate mistake was made by a passenger from the Orient liner "Osterley," who went on a motor trip to Kandy. The hire of the car amounted to about £10, and the man from the "Osterley" handed two English notes to the driver. He had had in his possession two £10 notes and two £50 notes, and he thought he had parted with the former. Later, however, he discovered that he still had the £50 notes, while the £10 notes had gone. He attributes the mistake to the fact that he is short-sighted. So far the notes have not been recovered.

Baroness Orczy has just completed a new story with the title of "The Celestial City."

Thomas Rogers, having completed 73 years' service with Waring and Gillow, was recently presented with a gold watch on his 87th birthday by Lord Waring.

On the "Minnedosa" leaving Montreal on September 23, were three young children travelling alone, in care of Capt. A. H. Notley. Master A. Passett, eight years of age, en route to Antwerp from Montreal; 11-year-old Miss Jagger came from Winnipeg going to Southampton and Miss Joan L. Potier came all the way unaccompanied from Edmonton on her way to the Continent.

"CHINA MAIL" SPORTS PAGE

CLEAR ISSUE.

CHALLENGES BY LOCAL BOXERS.

CARTLIDGE STANDS FIRM.

Sir,—In reply to the query of "Silent Strong"—"Where is Jim Cartlidge?"—Jim Cartlidge is to be found at the Naval Yard. "Where was Jim Cartlidge?"—I presume refers to the boxing at the City Hall on Saturday night. Not desiring a busman's holiday I was in bed and asleep. I would like to know why it should be presumed or taken for granted that I am present at all boxing shows.

I have already challenged "all-comers" and have been accepted by Morris, through the press. I cannot see the point of his challenge on Saturday. The repeated throwing down of the gauntlet and the acceptance thereof will not get things any further. It is now up to the H.K.B.A.

Once for all I reiterate that I am willing to meet all challengers and my challenge still holds good for all acceptors.

Thanking you, Mr. Editor,

Yours, etc.,

"JIM" CARTLIDGE.

Naval Yard,

Hongkong, Nov. 24.

Feather Belt Challenge.

(*The Editor, China Mail.*)

Dear Sir,—Would you be kind enough to publish in your columns that I am prepared to box either Gardner or Bowles in a contest of either ten or fifteen rounds for the Featherweight Belt at any date the Association may decide during January next.

I stipulate a weight of 9 stone and I would also state that I am willing to back myself for $100.

Yours, etc.,

HARRY MAJOR.

Hongkong, Nov. 25.

GOLF CLUB.

CHAMPIONSHIP DRAW AND DATES.

FINAL NEXT MONTH.

For the first round of the match play stages of the Golf Club Championship at Fanling the draw is:—

H. U. Ireland v. G. S. Archbutt.
N. L. Smith v. A. B. Purves.
J. Bulmer Johnson v. A. H. Ferguson.
L. S. Dodwell v. F. J. de Rome or J. L. Shellshear.
T. D. E. Pendered v. W. Douglas.
Capt. Bloxham v. W. Lang.
J. M. Walker v. F. A. Redmond.
R. M. Smith v. T. G. Bennett.

The first and second rounds will be played on December 6; semi-final on December 13; and the final (36 holes) on December 20.

Starting times to be arranged. Competitors will start in the afternoon in the order in which they finish in the morning.

LOCAL RUGGER.

NOTES AND COMMENT ON THE GAME.

"WEAKNESS ALL ROUND."

[By "Cross-bar."]

The Navy's substantial win over the Club at Happy Valley last Saturday was unexpected. Granted the Club was very much under strength, but that they should be defeated by 35 points to nil signifies a weakness all round.

The Club forwards put in a hard afternoon's work but they were beaten for possession time and again. As this is the orthodox source from which tries materialise "the front row" will have to show an improvement in the art of hooking.

Combination was also lacking. Very often Forsyth broke clear away; when opposed by Rippington, no one was there to receive the ball thereby throwing away a certain score on more than one occasion.

The Artificers were worthy winners and the fine resolute running and swerving of Rothwell was in a class by itself. He had a big say in the victory and his four tries were all clearly obtained.

Rippington at full back played a sound game, although he had not so much defending to do as Dr. Gawler, who did not seem to be in very good form.

The Club as an attacking force were never in it, and their defence was by no means sound. Bad marking and tackling paving the way towards the success of the Navy.

It was a keen, hard game and both sides stood up well to the gruelling, the Navy lasting the pace better than their opponents.

ARMY ATHLETICS.

EAST SURREY REGIMENT SPORTS.

SEVERAL OPEN EVENTS.

The 1st Bn. The East Surrey Regiment, are holding their annual sports at Sookumpoo football ground, on Friday, December 4.

The following are the open events:—One mile race, open to the Navy and Army in South China.

Tug-o-War, 110 stone (teams of ten), open to company teams, Battery R.A., Hongkong Police Force.

Tug-o-War, 120 stone (teams of 10), open to company teams, Battery R.A., Hongkong Police Force.

Tug-o-War, catch weight (teams of 10), open to all Indian companies and Batteries, and Hongkong Police Force, Indian section.

Entries close to Lt. C. H. Dickins, Murray Barracks, on December 1.

In the Fanling bogey pool last Saturday to Monday, there were 29 entries, the best scores being:—H. U. Ireland 1 down; J. Hooper 2 down; C. A. Peel and W. Lang each 4 down.

TEAM WORK WINS.

HOCKEY CLUB 2ND BEAT "HERMES."

FINISH IN DARKNESS.

Yesterday the Hongkong Hockey Club 2nd XI maintained their winning vein of last week, beating H.M.S. "Hermes" by 5 goals to 2.

At times the game was inclined to be scrappy and most of the second half was marred by bad light.

Good individual play was shown by the Naval forwards but they did not combine well. Lieut. Sillitoe, R.M., played his usual bustling game at centre-forward but he was unable to hold his line together.

At centre-half Allen was good, playing a spoiling game with his two wings. Beatty, the right back, was particularly sound, hitting even the flying balls freely and safely.

The Club forwards worked well together, Lyon showed good understanding with his wings. Time and again Exell centred beautifully but he will do even better by passing from the 25 mark instead of from the corner.

The Club backs were energetic and safe except for a tendency to ease off at the beginning of the second period. Dand played a fine game at centre-half and both Stewart and Lloyd backed him up well.

Wedlake and Farquharson, the last line, had occasional and spasmodic rushes to deal with during most of the game.

Opening very strongly the Club 2nd XI looked like scoring on several occasions. At last Garrod opened the account with a fine, high shot.

On the restart the nature of the game changed with the "Hermes" pressing strongly. Metcalfe (inside-right) and Sillitoe having hard luck in not finding the equaliser.

Then the ball went back to the "Hermes" territory. Garrod just got the tip of his stick to the ball thereby passing to Lyon who scored the Club's second point.

The game fluctuated for a time mainly in the Club's favour. From a Naval breakaway G.—Williams scored, reducing the Club's lead to one.

Immediately before the whistle Price put on the Club's third goal from a mix-up in front of the "Hermes" citadel.

After a breather Naval sorties resulted in the Club defence being penetrated several times till Metcalfe obtained a goal again bringing down the deficit to one.

Then it became distinctly dark. In the gathering gloom the Club took two more goals. Lyon shot well for the fourth and Noronha ran through placing nicely for the fifth and last point.

Exell had hard luck in not scoring and a final Naval rally was stopped by the whistle going for time.

The Club team was:—A. J. Farquharson, J. Wedlake (Capt.); E. F. Stewart, A. A. Dand, L. M. S. Lloyd, A. S. Exell, S. H. Garrod, D. Lyon, J. E. Noronha, T. J. Price.

C.R.C. REPORT.

SCHOOLS ASKED TO REVIVE CRICKET.

CLUB EXPANSION DETAILED.

Extracts from the report for 1924, to be presented to the annual meeting on Sunday of the Chinese Recreation Club, are:—

Membership.—Up to April 1925, our total membership was 419, including 116 life members, 249 ordinary members, 45 out-port members, and 9 honorary members. During the period, i.e., 1924—April 1925, 72 members joined, 5 rejoined, 13 resigned and 2 died.

Club House.—The steady increase of membership necessitated the extension of the Club House. An annexe was built providing a bigger dressing room, more storage accommodation, an office for the secretary and servants' quarters. Hot and cold shower baths and flush toilets were installed, and in addition to the above, 67 new lockers were made. The plans were drawn by Mr. H. Way.

Ground.—Owing to a great influx of new members six courts had to be regularly opened and consequently the ground was not in as good a condition as it should be. The N.E. corner of the ground was re-turfed so as to allow more courts to be used.

Tennis:—One team was entered for the 1st Division, Hongkong Tennis League; two for the 2nd Division (won by the A team). Ng Sze-kwong lost the open singles title of the Colony after seven years' tenure. M. K. and M. W. Lo were runners-up in the open doubles. Ho Ka-lau became the new club champion and represented China at the Far East Olympiad at Manila. Mr. Ho Kwong presented a challenge cup for singles and Mr. Wong Kam-fook cups for doubles.

Cricket:—"We entered only one team and that for the First Division and came out last but one. This was not so bad as it looked, for the matches played were real tussles and there were some exciting finishes. In this department our greatest lack is new blood. With practically all the schools turning their attention to football and tennis, the grand old game is set aside. . . . We appeal to the schoolmasters of the colony to revive interest in the wielding of the willow among their charges."

"At Homes":—were held on October 10 (National Independence Day) and May 9.

Accounts:—The financial position is again very sound.

D. Drysdale, Heriotonians, the Scottish International Rugby full-back, has gone into residence at Brasenose College, Oxford.

Is a judge at a boxing contest within his rights in ordering a second away from the ringside? The question was hotly debated in fighting circles at Home a month ago as the result of the action taken by Mr. J. W. H. T. Douglas at the National Sporting Club, when he ordered one of Mick Hill's seconds out of the building because of his failure to stop talking. For a judge, who apparently is appointed to score points for and against, to take the law into his own hands is entirely novel.

HOME SOCCER.

GLASGOW AMATEURS' LOSE AT HOME.

SCOTTISH FIRST LEAGUE.

(*Reuter's Service.*)

London, Nov. 24.

In the Scottish League (Div. I), Queen's Park lost to Airdrieonians by a goal to five.

The league table now stands at:—

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals. F.	A.	Pts.
St. Mirren	16	10	4	2	28	17	24
Airdrieonians	15	10	1	4	42	19	21
Motherwell	15	8	5	2	27	15	21
Falkirk	15	10	1	4	29	20	21
Celtic	13	9	1	3	34	14	19
Hearts	15	8	3	4	29	17	19
Rangers	15	9	0	6	30	18	18
Hamilton A.	15	6	4	5	31	23	16
Dundee	17	6	4	7	23	25	16
Cowdenbeath	15	6	3	6	34	28	15
Kilmarnock	15	6	3	6	32	28	15
Aberdeen	17	5	3	9	26	29	13
Raith R.	15	6	1	8	16	29	13
Queen's Park	16	6	0	10	26	33	12
Morton	15	4	4	7	15	31	12
Dundee U.	15	4	3	8	18	31	11
Partick T.	14	3	4	7	25	32	10
Hibernians	16	4	2	10	23	30	10
St. Johnstone	15	4	2	9	16	34	10
Clydebank	15	3	2	10	25	40	8

WORLD BOXING.

FLYWEIGHT TITLE MATCH.

SUCCESSOR TO PANCHO?

(*By United Press.*)

Los Angeles, Nov. 14.

Clever Sencio, the Filipino flyweight, won a decision over Izzy Schwartz in their fast ten-round bout here last night and has been hailed up and down the coast as the leading contender for the crown once worn by Pancho Villa.

Sencio is now scheduled to meet the flyweight title-holder in Los Angeles on December 2. The opinion among most sport writers has been that the Filipino was not ready for such an important match but last night's victory has forced many to admit that the boy from Manila has at least an even chance against La Barba.

Fidel La Barba has said that he does not intend to continue fighting much longer and seems to regard himself as an accident in the pugilistic world. This point is seized upon by sporting experts as a factor greatly favouring Sencio's chances of success, because the Filipino will enter the ring against the champion fired not only by personal ambition, but by the patriotic, sentimental desire to bring the world title back to the Philippines.

Fidel has been training a little every day and will not vary his schedule much in the next few weeks. Sencio is planning to start the most serious fortnight of training in his life and says that he intends to be 100 per cent. physically on the day of the great match.

COURT CONDUCT.

ETIQUETTE OF LAWN TENNIS.

KEEP OUT NOTORIETIES.

(*Times of Ceylon.*)

London, Nov. 3.

The European Zone Committee of the International Lawn Tennis Championship has inquired into the complaint of Sroope, the Irish Davis Cup Captain, regarding the behaviour of one of the Austrian players last May.

The Committee considered the complaint is justified, and recommend that the nations should exercise the greatest care in their selection, and that players whose court conduct is notorious should not be included.

The Committee added that the referee had shown regrettable lack of control.

One feature of the new hockey season at Home is that a number of English clubs are adding a fourth or fifth team to meet the much larger memberships, but as it is impossible for all clubs to increase the number of teams, many applications have had to be refused. This larger membership is not confined to London. Many of the Cheshire and Lancashire clubs are finding additional members something of a problem.

QUICK PLAY SNAPPED IN WORLD SERIES BASEBALL.

Contact—Grey scores Pittsburgh's third run.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

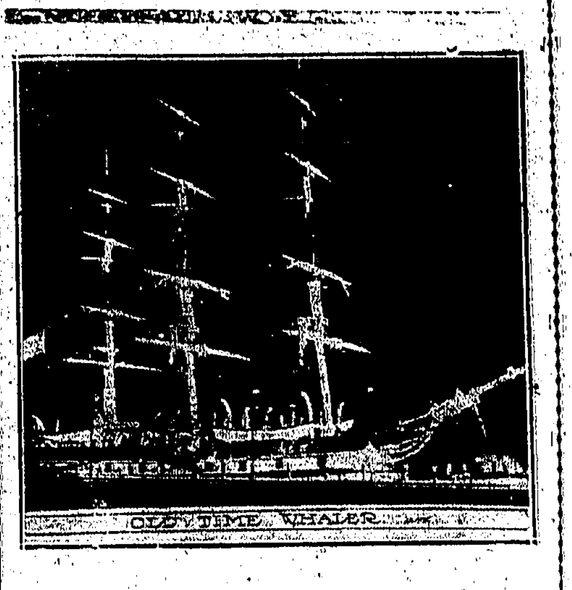
HONGKONG, NOVEMBER 25, 1925, 10.30 A.M.

Names.	Hongkong Stock Exchange.	Hongkong Shareborkers' Association.	Share & Real Estate Brokers Society.
T.T. on London	2/4 3/8	2/4 3/8	2/4 3/8
T.T. on Shanghai	76 7/8	76 7/8	nom.
Banks.			
Hongkong Bank	1090 sa.	$1090 sa.	$1090 s.
do. London	£131 n.	—	£130½ n.
Chartered Bank	£20 n.	£20 n.	£ 20 n.
Mercantile Bank, A. & B.	£29½ n.	£29½ n.	£28 n.
do. C.	£13 5/8 n.	£13½ n.	£12½ n.
P. & O. Bank	£9½ n.	£9½ n.	£10½ n.
Bank of East Asia	$85 n.	$80 n.	$ 80 s.
Marine Insurances.			
Canton Insurance	600 n.	600 b.	$ 600 b.
China Underwriters	2 b. & sa.	1.95 b.	2 b. & sa.
North China Insurance	T 140 n.	T 140 n.	T 140 n.
Union Insurance	248 b. & sa	248 b.	$ 250 s.
Yangtze Insurance	—	38½ b.	35 b.
Fire Insurances.			
China Fire Insurance	160 n.	160 b.	$ 200 n.
H.K. Fire Insurance	600 s.	600 s.	500 n.
Shipping.			
Douglases	40 n.	32 b.	40 n.
Hongkong Steamboats	20½ b.	20 b.	20½ b.
H.K. Tugs & Lighters	4½ s.	4½ s.	4 s.
Indo-Chinas (Pref.)	38 n.	30 n.	37 n.
do. (Def.) L'd.	70/- n.	40 n.	65 s.
do. (,,) Hk.	70/- n.	—	—
Oriental Navigation	$250 n.	255 n.	—
Shell Transports	92/6 b.	95/- b.	92/6 b.
Star Ferries	$58 b.	56 b.	$ 58½ n.
Water-boats	16 b.	16 s.	16 b.
Refineries.			
China Sugars	35 s.	33 n.	30 n.
Malabon Sugars	48 n.	35 s.	50 n.
Mining.			
Benguets	2 n.		2¼ n.
Kailan Mining Ad.	45/- n.	52/- n.	50/- b.
Langkats (Combined)	T33¾ b.	T 34 b.	T 34 b.
do. (Single)	19½ b.	20½ b.	—
Shanghai Exploration	5¾ b.	5 b.	—
Shanghai Loan	8 n.	8 b.	—
Raubs	$3¾ b.	$4 b.	4 b.
Tronoh Mines	60/- n.	56/- b.	70/- b.
Ural Caspians	8/- n.		7/- b
Docks, Wharves Godowns, &c.			
H.K. & K. Wharves	$130 b. 129 sa.	$130 b. 135 s.	127 b 129 sa
H.K. & W. Docks	54 b. 55 sa.	55 s. 54½-55 sa.	59 b.
Hongkews	T 160 b.	—	T180 b.
New Engineerings	7¼ b.	T 7¼ b.	7¼ b.
Shanghai Docks	119 n.	122 b.	120 b.
Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.			
H.K. & S. Hotels (old)	$8.20 b	8.10 b.	$8¼ b.
do. (new)	—	—	—
Hongkong Lands	6 5/8 b.	6 4½ b.	66 b. 65/6 sa.
H.K. Realty	5 n.	4¾ b.	5 b.
H.K. Territorials	5 sa.	6 s.	6 s.
Humphreys Estates	16 n.	13½ b.	13 b.
Princes Building	150 n.	150 s.	—
Rural Lands	7 s.	—	—
Cotton Mills.			
Ewo Cottons	T10¾ b & sa	T10¼ b 10¾	T10¼ b.
Orientals	3¼ b. 3.10 sa	3¼ b. [sa.	3¼ b.
Shanghai Cottons (old)	58 b.	57 b.	57 b.
do. (new)	32 b.	32 b.	30 b.
Miscellaneous.			
Canton Ices	$7½ n.	$7 s.	$ 7 s.
Cements (comb.)	13½ b. 15 s.	17 n.	16 s.
do. (old)	12 n.	13 n.	12½ s.
do. (new)	2.90 b.	4 n.	3½ s.
China Buses	T 10½ b.	—	—
China Lights (comb.)	$21 s.	19 s.	20 s.
do. (old)	15½ n.	15 s.	14 s.
do. (new)	12 n.	8 s.	11 s.
China Prov. (comb.)	33 n	—	—
do. (old)	9¼ s.	9½ n.	9¼ s.
do. (new)	9.15 s.	—	—
Dairy Farms	18 b. 19 s.	18 b. 19 s.	19 s.
Der A Wing (full pd.)	10 n.	10 n.	—
do. (part pd.)	—	5 n.	—
Hongkong Amusements	10 b.	10 b.	—
H.K. Constructions	2 n.	2 b.	1½ s.
Hongkong Electrics	50 s.	49½ b 49-49½	50 b. 49/50 sa
H.K. Developments	30 cts. b.	cts 30 b. [sa.	cts 25 b.
H.K. Ropes (comb.)	40 s.	40 n.	40 n.
do. (old)	13¼ n	14 n.	14 n.
do. (new)	8¼ n.	7 n.	8½ n.
Hongkong Tramways	23½ b 22¾/23	23½ b. 22½	23 b 22½/3 sa
Lane, Crawfords	12½ b. [sa.	12½ s. [sa.	12½ s.
Macao Electrics	40 n.	—	—
Mackintosh	21½ n.	—	—
Nanyang Tobaccos	—	12 b.	—
Peak Trams (old)	15½ b.	15 b.	15 n.
do. (new)	9 n.	9 n.	9 n.
Sinceres	11 s.	9½ s.	11 s.
Singapore Trams	—	8½ b.	—
Taxis	5 s.	4 n.	5 s.
United Asbestos	20 n.	—	—
do. (Founders)	—	600 n.	—
do. (Ordinary)	—	18 n.	—
Watsons (old)	16 s.	13 b.	16 s.
do. (new)	15 s.	—	—
Wm. Powells	14 s.	—	12 n.

People and Event in the News of the World

While Silveti, the famous Mexican matador, was goading a fierce bull preparatory to the final thrust, the enraged animal, by a sudden dash, pinned him to the ring and gored him severely at the Plaza El Toro, Mexico City.

Mrs. Edith Vanderbilt, widow of the youngest son of William H. Vanderbilt, was wedded to Senator Peter Goelet Gerry in London.



Anchored near South Dartmouth, the "Charles Morgan," whaler of the long ago, brings to mind the Flying Dutchman, as it rides at anchor illuminated by floodlight projectors.

In the heart of the wholesale diamond district in New York, robbers beat two clerks in an office, tied the stenographer's hands behind her back and fled with $75,000 in jewels. Here are the victims illustrating their positions when the Bandits escaped.

Lady Ribblesdale has lost her husband, Lord Ribblesdale, who died in London at the age of seventy-one. There is no heir to the title.

Miss M. Moyca Newell has gone to India to study the Ghandi movement and investigate health conditions. The widow of the Earl of Mexborough has been sued for divorce by Alfred Lambert, son of the late Earl of Cavan. J. A. Dunnaway has sailed to assume his duties as secretary of the American Millspaugh Financial Mission to the Persian Government. General Richard Mulcahy, after a turbulent visit to the United States, has returned to Ireland.

BRINGING UP FATHER.

HONGKONG HEIGHTS.

For the information of visitors the following list of some of the highest points on the Island and Mainland is published:—

Island.	Feet.
Victoria Peak	1823
Signal Station	1774
Mt. Parker	1734
Mountain Lodge	1725
The Eyrie	1725
Peak Hotel	1305
Taikoo Sanatorium	1000
Mt. Davis	877
Bowen Rd. (filterbeds)	297
Mainland.	
Taimoshan	3124
Kowloon Peak	1971

ODDS AND ENDS

A Longfelt Want.

The spasmodic efforts of American Irish Republicans, American anti-Fascists, American anti-Communists, and perhaps others still to be heard from to prove their doctrines orthodox with apostolic eggs and pistols indicate a lack of organisation that one does not expect to encounter in an up-to-date country like the United States. It does not surprise one, therefore, to learn that there is now in process of formation in New York a commercial organisation which will be called either the Universal Antis or the Anti-Speechmakers' League, and which will furnish demonstrations of a hostile character to order. Terms cash. Satisfaction guaranteed. Meetings broken up, politicians "met" at the landing stage, theatrical productions "boohed," processions organised, etc.

The Schedule.

I have been privileged to see a rough draft of the League's tariff of charges, says a Home paper, and they seem moderate if the services are efficiently rendered. Here are some of the items: Waving flags, $3 per flag per hour. Ditto, with interruptions, $5 and $7, according to sex of interrupter. Ditto, with interruptions violent enough to compel forcible removal, $10, plus medical charges, if any. Eggs thrown, $1 to $10 per egg, according to place, nature of egg, and status of victim. Eggs extra. Demonstration at theatrical performance, $25. Ditto, conducted by well-known dramatic critic, $50. Demonstration at marriage ceremony by former husband or rejected suitor, $300. This is a special cut rate price, and as much depends on the skilful co-operation of the said husband or suitor, the League does not guarantee results. The most expensive item on the programme is: Processions broken up, $500 to $3,000, according to size of and nature of procession, amount of assistance likely to be rendered by bystanders, etc. Ancillary to some or all of the above we have the item: Shooting to kill, $5.00. For demonstration purposes no charge is made under this head.

The Outcast.

Edinburgh's threat to license cats recalls a far-off day when the Los Angeles Dog-catcher was one of the clients. It was no sincure, for he was an Ishmael with every man's hand and every woman's umbrella against him. Actually it was a lucrative civic appointment. The Poundmaster—to give him his just title—drew the fees and his underlings got the opprobrium. The "dog wagon" used to sally forth with its crew, a coloured driver, a retiarius, and a third artist who used a noose and made a noise like a piece of meat. Unlicensed dogs were the legitimate prey, and as something like twenty-five thousand were caught and disposed of annually it will be seen that the job was no sinecure.

Catch as Catch Can.

The symbiosis of Mexicans, dogs and fleas is proverbial. Down in Sonoratown it subsisted in the proportion of about twelve dogs to each cholo. The Mexican dog, hairless and otherwise, is intelligent, however, and the dog wagon had only to cast its shadow over the outlying approaches to send every potential victim ki yi-ing down drains and into the impenetrable fastnesses of Don Carlos de Bustamento's populous menage. Stung by this want of appreciation the dog wagon team would then beat its way up to the more fashionable districts, where Ponto and Pitti Sing basked, fully licensed, on superior doorsteps. A licence tag or two had no terrors for the thoroughly aroused shikarris. Once aboard the wagon and the dog was theirs!

The Rescue.

Unfortunately the owner would often arrive on the scene just as Fido, emitting outraged yelps, was being wafted into the wagon. Then there would be a free fight. It might equally happen just as the retiarius had entangled a thoroughly unlicensed victim of no antecedents. Some kind-hearted club woman passing by would lay into him with her string bag. A car full of real estate men passing by would dismount and rush to the aid of beauty in distress. The hunters, trained pugilists to a man, would keep their end up as well as might be. The nigger driver never took a hand in the fracas. His business was to go on the witness stand in the police court and offer an Uncle Remus-like version of the fray, at which the stoniest judge could not forbear to smile. This kept the fines down.

An Attractive Offer.

The following advertisement, culled from the agony column of a Home paper, seems to offer a solution of the "What shall we do with our sons?" problem.

G. G. P.—Indoors, I have a fire on my hearth, books to beguile you on my shelves, wine that will please even your palate in my cellars, and topics for tussles. For the open, a gun, a horse, a car. At any hour, on any day, your coming will delight me.—K.

"Topics for Tussles" apparently, represent the sole detraction from an otherwise glorious programme—*ignati nulla cupido*, especially if "K." stands for Kittle or Katherine. Otherwise, it would seem that "G.G.P." has been afforded an opportunity which most of us who love, alas for a wicked world, good living, good hunting, good shooting and a good book have found only in our dreams.

Riffs and Priests.

There is a charming story told by "The Times" correspondent of the two Spanish friars captured by the Rifi.—

They are not with the other Spanish prisoners, but are kept at Zawia Sidi Akhamlich, where they inhabit a little house. They have planted a garden, which they tend, and a Rifi, who lately saw them, states that they have rendered the whole village more attractive and more orderly by their voluntary work. Their patience and their goodness are much appreciated by the Rifis, who like to visit them and discuss religious and other subjects.

If only the Spanish soldiers were as successful as the priests!

The Riddle That is Life.

"Isn't Life a Riddle," Christina Alberta? Haven't you noticed that? Do you think it is just nothing but studios and dances and excursions and charabancs and meal-times and harvest? . . . . It worries me exceedingly. Somewhere there must be a clue."

"But that's how we all feel, Daddy," cried Christina Alberta.

"Things can't be what they seem," said Mr. Preemby. . . . "It would be too absurd. Infinite space; stars and so forth. Just for running about in—between meals. . . ."

. . . "Either I am a Reincarnation," said Mr. Preemby, "or I am not. And if I am not, then I want to know what all this business of the world is about. Symbolical it must be, Christina Alberta. But of what?"—H. G. Wells in "Christina Alberta's Father."

The China Mail

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1925.

POST OFFICE NOTICE.

XMAS LETTER AND PARCEL MAILS FOR CANADA AND U.S.A.

Xmas Letter and Parcel Mails for Canada and U.S.A. will be closed in the G.P.O. as follows:—

Parcel mail ..... Saturday, 28th Nov. 3.00 p.m.
Registered mail ..... " " " 4.15 p.m.
Ordinary mail ..... " " " 5.00 p.m.

These mails are due in Victoria B.C. and Seattle on 19th December.

Postage stamps should be affixed in the right-hand top corner of the address side of all postal articles.

The Radio Service has reverted to normal hours of working. Messages may be handed in at any hour of the day or night during General Post Office hours at Radio Counter, Main Hall, at all other times messages should be taken through the corner entrance at Pedder Street and Des Vœux Road to the Radio Office on the 3rd floor of the building, these doors will be closed after 10 p.m. but admittance may be obtained by ringing the night bell.

Radio Traffic with Canton and Swatow is suspended until further notice.

Interport Radio Telegrams are subject to delay.

Messages in code must have name of Code used included in text.

INWARD MAILS.

From	Per
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25.	
Shanghai	Soochow
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26.	
Amoy	Santhia
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Pierce
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27.	
Australia and Manila	Changte
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Szechuen
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28.	
Manila	Pres. Madison
EUROPE via Suez (Letters and Papers—London 29th Oct. & Parcels 2nd Oct.)	Kashgar
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1.	
Canada, U.S.A. Japan & Shanghai	Empress of Asia
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2.	
U.S.A. Canada, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Jackson

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Times
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25.		
Amoy	Hong Peng	5 p.m.
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26.		
Straits	Van Overstraten	11.30 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America, and *EUROPE via Vancouver, B.C.—due Vancouver B.C. 16th Dec. Parcels 3 p.m. Registration 4.15 p.m. Letters 5 p.m.	Empress of Australia	
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27.		
Haiphong	Tonkin	8.30 a.m.
Manila	Pres. Pierce	1.30 p.m.
Amoy	Kiungchow	3.30 p.m.
Saigon, *Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & *EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles 27th Dec. Registration 1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m.	Angers	
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles 26th Dec. Parcels 5 p.m. Registration (28th Nov.) 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.	Kelyan	
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28.		
Hoihow	Kwangtung	10.30 a.m.
Formosa	Pongtong	2 p.m.
Shanghai and Japan	Kashgar	2.30 p.m.
Bangkok	Kingyuan	3 p.m.
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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29.		
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Kaijo Maru	9 a.m.
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30.		
Weihaiwei	Kaeichow	2.30 p.m.
Amoy	Kuosang	5 p.m.
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1.		
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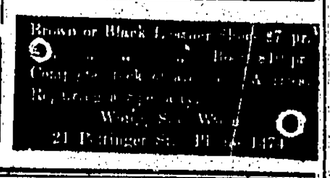

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